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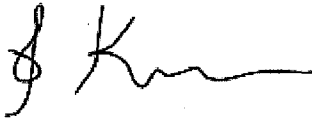
D.C. Zoning Commission,
Suite 210, 441 4th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010-2020, Case No. 10-32

Dear Zoning Commissioners:

On behalf of the Kim family, the following list is a partial example of some encounters and incidences we have endured with the tenants on both sides of our home at 1932 37th Street NW. Not a single week goes by that does not involve some kind of issue with these renters and their noise. At least two of the renters are GU students.

Sincerely,



Jee Jee Kim

Friday, February 18, 2011. 4:30 pm. Neighbors (at least one woman and one man) on men's porch at 1934, talking about how the police just asked them to put their dogs on leashes when in the park and outside generally. Man comments, "I think that's pretty funny, that they asked us to put Raoul (the mens' dog) on a leash." I cough. One man says in a low voice, "Is that the person we were just talking about [in the park]?" They continue talking and laughing on the porch.

4:41 pm. 1934 neighbors still talking, more people seem to have arrived as there are new and increased voices. One man says they were just approached by a cop in the park and given a warning for drinking in the park and not having their dogs on leashes.

May 12 or 13th, late afternoon. I open my door to let my cat out and hear a male voice from the porch at 1934 say, "Ching Chang Ching Chang Chong." I say nothing, close the door, and 10 min. later open it again to let the same cat out (he came back in through his cat door) and hear again, "Ching Chang Ching Chang Chong." I say nothing, close the door.

Sometime between the 13th and the 19th, 2:30 am. One of the women from 1930 is standing on the mens' porch at 1934 talking with several men. They are very loud and drinking. Their voices wake me up from my sleep. I call the police as the BCA advises Burlethi citizens to do. An officer arrives and talks with them. I cannot hear what is said, as I am back in bed and very tired. I hear the neighbors laughing and talking with the

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police for about half an hour. The police leave and the neighbors go inside a little after 3 am.

May 17th, 6:20 pm. A woman from 1930 calls the cops to my home citing noise violation although I am playing soft piano music. The police tell me to keep playing and that they heard me as they walked up to the doo. They tell me I was not in violation of any codes. They shake their heads when I explain the situation with our neighbors. Later that evening one of the women stands on her porch loudly talking on her phone, saying, "Well next time you hear the piano, call me." I believe she was saying this loudly on purpose, knowing I would overhear and thus trying to threaten my freedom to live as I always have by using the police. These women never once informed me that my practice bothered them.

May 17th, around 7 pm. I place an "our homes" sign in my front garden. One of the "problem" women from next door is sitting on her front steps, talking on her cell phone. She glares at me in a challenging manner while I am in my garden, but says nothing. I note that she only makes comments when she is with other people with whom she feels safe.

May 20, 4:30 pm. Woman from 1930 bangs on wall when I play piano. I play for one hour. No cops are called this time.

May 21, 9:30 pm. Woman with white dog from 1930 sits with Eric (renter from 1934) and another girl at his downstairs bench, audibly talking past 10 pm. As my partner and I walk up they become quiet and stare at us as we walk past. When my partner leaves and the woman's white dog barks at him, she says to the dog, "No no, *that's* not the cop caller." My partner returns to my door at 10 pm and I leave with him. As we walk out of my driveway the same woman says either, "good luck!" or "bye!" We are unable to catch the exact phrase, but this is another example of her antagonistic behavior.

10:20 pm. Woman and men talking loudly and laughing at the men's downstairs outside picnic table. I call police, especially as my mother and I are sick and trying to rest. Noise continues. I assume an officer has arrived and left already, as the emergency callback mode is off on my cell phone, meaning that the 911 dispatcher recognizes the call as concluded.

10:40 pm. I call 911 again. Officer arrives and there is some yelling from the women (presumably in protest, but I do not know) and all is quiet after that.

May 25th, 6:10 pm. Woman from 1934 arrives in alleyway and stomps up her patio stairs yelling, "La la la la la!" She turns on a radio sitting on the patio table, and yells, "Eric! Eric!" many times. "Eric" is a tenant at 1930, and stands on his own porch (our yard is between their porches). He responds quietly but she continues yelling questions at him. Her small white dog howls for over an hour, because she makes noises to instigate the dog's howling. She says, "Wooooo! Wooooo!" and the dog howls and whines at a high pitch. I am trying to rest on my bed with a cold, and my cat is frightened by this noise.

The woman has two male guests, who lower the radio while she is inside of the house at 1934. She returns to the porch outside and raises the volume again. Knowing I will get no peace, I get out of bed and go to Best Buy to purchase a camera, to record these scenes. My old camera has stopped working. When I return home at about 10 pm, Eric and his guests are talking underneath his porch at 1930, although the loud woman is not among them. This group goes inside by 11:30 pm, and seems to have attempted somewhat to keep their voices down. Nonetheless, they were audible from my room and I was not present for the greater part of their gathering.