

DC Zoning Commission
441 - 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001
RE: SUPPORT FOR GEORGETOWN UNIV. CAMPUS PLAN

Dear Zoning Commission,

We are writing as neighbors of Georgetown University for over 30 years, 7 years in Foxhall Village, and nearly 24 in The Cloisters. We are writing in support of the master plan for campus development presently under consideration for Georgetown University.

In both Foxhall Village and The Cloisters, we have had Georgetown students living in group homes near us. Our Cloisters townhouse is in the southwest corner of the complex, abutting the campus. Given this location, over the past 24 years we have become very familiar with the school and its day-to-day operation.

From our home we can see, and hear, many of the activities that accompany the academic cycle of the campus. In the late 80s and early 90s, we dealt with ongoing nocturnal disturbances of inebriated students leaving the then on-campus pub at 2 AM and the M Street bars even later.

Ourselves, along with other neighbors, expressed our concerns, including the risks and liability of the University, related to the on-campus bar. The University responded pro-actively. The pub was closed, and somehow the noise abated related to students returning to campus from M Street. Perhaps the latter relates to aggressive security over-sight. We're unsure, but appreciative. In cases where student-rented house parties in the Cloisters have gotten disruptive, we have been given a University hot-line number to call, which has been effective in restoring peace and quiet.

We value the benefits of living next to a thriving university. We use and benefit from Georgetown's libraries, cafeterias, and hospital. We also see how the school has grown and is growing over the years with new buildings and programs. Attracting and keeping good students and faculty is a challenge for private schools like Georgetown. We hope Georgetown University continues to thrive.

We realize that some other neighbors may have different views, e.g., that the University limits its enrollment and house 100% of its undergraduates. Our hope is that it is possible to balance the benefits of the University and also maintain a respectable quality of life.

We'd like to express our gratitude to Linda Greenan for her gifted leadership and commitment to "town and gown" relations. No small undertaking, under the best of circumstances. Our thanks and immense respect.

Sincerely,

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