



April 11, 2011

Jack Eglé
Saxbys Coffee
3500 O St, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
441 - 4th St, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Hood,

I write to you as the proprietor of the Saxbys Coffee shop located at 3500 O St, NW, two blocks East of the main entrance to Georgetown University. My family and I opened this shop in the fall of 2006 and have actively managed the business ever since. To be clear, I am not a resident of Georgetown and therefore do not experience many of the issues that have been expressed by the Citizen's Association of Georgetown (CAG) or any other neighborhood organizations. I do, however, consider myself a member of the Georgetown community and am genuinely interested in the preservation of its character, beauty, and reputation as one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in the District of Columbia.

One of the primary reasons I chose this location for my coffee shop was the vibrant nature of this section of town. The shop is surrounded not only by long-standing residents of West Georgetown, but also five schools within as many blocks. There is a unique mix of youthful energy as well as established, active community members who possess a deep reverence for their neighborhood.

While I appreciate the relationship between the students living off campus and the permanent residents is a tenuous one at times, it has been my experience over the past 4+ years that Georgetown University has been proactive in addressing these issues head on. During the school year Saxbys Coffee is open from 6 or 7 am - 10 or 11 pm, so we are around most of the day, seven days a week. There have certainly been times when there was trash strewn about the sidewalks on our block, especially on weekends, but it has rarely if ever gotten to the point of being out of hand. On the contrary, I feel as if it is my duty as a neighbor who is supported by both the University and neighbors to do my part in keeping the sidewalks around Saxbys Coffee well kempt. To this end I have also partnered with the University as

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well as Holy Trinity Catholic Church in a voluntary Adopt-a-Block program, part of DC's Clean City Initiative, for the two-block area between Saxbys and the entrance to Georgetown University. This requires a quarterly clean up day as well as a weekly litter pick up in the identified area.

Additionally, I am aware of a Georgetown University administered off campus program to address specifically the issue of trash, but more importantly, issues related to general student conduct that is expected of anyone living within a community. I have been told that sanctions to students who do not adhere to very basic standards expected of anyone living in a community, regardless of age, are strict and in the case of required community service hours, even go as far as jeopardizing a student's ability to graduate if not completed. This is in addition to a monetary fine for infractions.

There is no denying some of the claims being made by the residents opposing Georgetown University's 2010-2020 Campus Plan are not only legitimate, but need to be addressed appropriately and swiftly. I have heard some of the complaints firsthand, and I agree there is work to be done. However, having been a part of this community for almost five years, I cannot find reason to object the plan on this basis. I believe Georgetown University's presence adds a tremendous amount of value and diversity to its surrounding area, and as a small business owner, I certainly appreciate the support I have received since opening.

As one of very few small businesses in the immediate vicinity of Georgetown University, I would appreciate your giving my views ample consideration in light of those expressed by those in favor of, as well as opposed to, the Campus Plan.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Eglé", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Eglé

CC: Dr. Jeanne Lord, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs