

Subject: GU Zoning 202 727 6072

To: Donna Hanousek, Zoning Specialist, Office of Zoning

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Opinion of a long time Washington, D.C. Burleith resident on GU zoning

I will not be able to attend tonight but I would like to say a few words.

I moved to Burleith at age 2, lived on S St between 35th and 36th and the my parents bought a house 3533 R St in 1957 which they still own and live in. In 1986 I bought a house, 2 houses away, that a dear childhood friend lived in the 60's and 70's. I have lived in this house for 25 years.

As a child, we knew all the neighbors, nearly all the kids went to the very local public schools, swam at Volta Park, and lived as a tight knit community. It was a vibrant, healthy, safe place to grow up and to learn about life, neighbors, the young and old.. The grandmothers babysat and later we helped them.

What a great contrast to today when 50% of the neighborhood is transient with students who are not participants in neighborhood life except for the few who are terribly disruptive, disrespectful, noisy, leaving trash, bottles, broken bottles which I pick up every morning as I walk with our dog. This high percentage takes and does not give to the community and the community is suffering as you know at many levels: disruption, poor upkeep of houses, lower real estate values. The change is tremendous and the neighborhood cannot afford to go further in that direction. It will become student housing completely though GU does not own it.

Please listen to us GU Zoning Commission!!!!!!!!!!

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