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Re: Support for Georgetown University's campus plan

Dear Chairman and Members of the Zoning Commission:

My name is Alexandra Amore and I am an alumna of Georgetown University class of 2010. After reading the Office of Planning's recommendations for the Georgetown campus plan, I am very concerned by the detrimental impact it will have on the university's future.

Adding an additional financial burden to a university that has already lost a significant portion of its endowment due to the recession is an unnecessary drain on funds. Georgetown, with an endowment comparably tiny in size to its peer institutions, needs to be singularly focused on keeping pace them. There is no room for seemingly frivolous expenditures to appease unhappy neighbors. It is only by doing this that the university can improve upon its academic strength and build upon its prestige as an internationally recognized university.

The university has attempted to compromise with the Office of Planning by freezing undergraduate enrollment and building dorms to house eighty percent of undergraduates. Just as Georgetown has proposed compromise, the surrounding Georgetown, Burleith, and Foxhall neighborhoods should also be open to negotiations. Housing one hundred percent of undergraduates on campus is extraordinarily costly and ultimately unnecessary. There have been many changes implemented in the past few years to improve the quality of off campus life both for students and for the permanent residents.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the Zoning Commission to support Georgetown's proposed and reject the Office of Planning's recommendations.

Sincerely,


Alexandra Amore

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