

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for Georgetown University's 2010-2020 Campus Plan. My name is Benjamin, I am a resident of Georgetown, and my home's front gates are located at the corner of 37th and O Streets NW. By listing my address as such, I am not trying to be misleading or cleaver. After all, anyone who is familiar with the Georgetown neighborhood knows that Georgetown University's front gates are located at the corner of 37th and O Streets NW. Rather, I am trying to indicate that I am a member of the larger Georgetown community. While I may still have a home in another state, I nonetheless am a resident of Washington according to the District's laws.

As a resident of Georgetown, I genuinely believe that Georgetown University's Campus Plan adequately addresses the needs of the university and deeply takes into consideration the needs of the larger Georgetown and Burleith communities. I feel that the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions fail to recognize that the students are true residents of their neighborhood. This may be due to students' lack of representation in the ANC's, the age gap that tends to separate the students from the other residents, or maybe simply because students are, by nature, transitory neighbors (many do not spend their summers in DC, and students also change residences every year). Because of this failure in recognition, our needs are not sufficiently taken into consideration in the recommendations and reports of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Thus, I urge the Zoning Commission to please consider my issues with the ANCs' recommendations during the 2010-2020 Georgetown University Campus Plan Hearings. I truly love Georgetown University, and I believe that if the Campus plan is passed, future Georgetown students will be able to have the same great life-changing experiences that I have had over the past year.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Talus

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

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