

June 13, 2011

DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for Georgetown University's Campus Plan

Dear Zoning Commission:

I am writing to support Georgetown University's Campus Plan as a DC taxpayer, Georgetown neighborhood resident, and Georgetown University alumnus. The University provides innumerable benefits to the neighborhood including cultural, athletic, and academic resources; furthermore, as the oldest Catholic and Jesuit university in the United States, Georgetown helps support the local economy as a popular tourist attraction. Georgetown's Campus Plan allows for the improvement and growth that are crucial for the University to prosper and attract students while also respecting the private residents' desire to prevent an overly-invasive campus community.

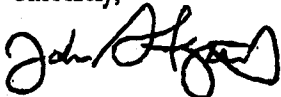
Living near any university comes with benefits such as being near an active, educated, young population as well as drawbacks such as student noise. For two of my four undergraduate college years I lived off-campus in Burleith. During that time I had only positive interactions with other residents including young families, retirees, and other students. My experience was mirrored by many friends and is testament to the overall positive relationships that exist between students and full-time residents. As a young professional currently residing in West Georgetown, I continue to enjoy living near the University for the aforementioned benefits and desirable location within the District of Columbia.

While I can understand some residents' opposition to the Campus Plan and negative attitude toward the University because of occasional raucous student life and intrusion into the neighborhood, my support remains rooted behind Georgetown. This is because not only has Georgetown existed since 1789 but also all of the residents have chosen to live near a college campus that, at a basic level, means there will be an influx of students present throughout the year. If I did not expect and enjoy being around students, I would have chosen to live elsewhere for my post-collegiate years.

I commend University officials for engaging the community in constructive debate over the last few years. It is encouraging that both parties have compromised on components of the Plan that will generate new and improve older facilities for academics, athletics, and cultural activities; moreover, student organizations like the Georgetown University Grilling Society (GUGS) strive to improve the community. Continued support for these groups and others is important so both students and residents benefit from the countless activities and events held throughout the year.

Georgetown University helps bring a sense of prestige and pride to the residents of our Ward 2 neighborhood, and we must support the University's quest to meet and exceed the expectations of future students. I respectfully request your support for their submitted plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (419.466.1267) or email (jake.styacich@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



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