

Rebuttal: ANC 2E's Presentation Grossly Mischaracterizes the University's Rules Related to Off-Campus Student Parties

- ANC 2E's May 12, 2011 presentation contains a chart which purports to describe the University's rules relating to off-campus student parties. The information in this chart is not accurate, and reflects serious mischaracterizations of the assertive way in which the University addresses off-campus student behavior.
- The reality of Georgetown's student conduct policies is reflected in the annotated version of ANC's chart below. It confirms that:
 - University policy and local laws *DO* address the issues raised by off-campus student behavior.
 - These policies apply specifically to students who live off-campus, are uniquely tailored to address issues in the off campus context, and are rigorously enforced.
 - Indeed, contrary to ANC 2E's suggestion that students move off campus to avoid the University's oversight and rules, the behavior of off-campus students is closely monitored by both the University and by local police hired by the University.
 - Off-campus students are subject to many rules that do not apply to on-campus students.

ANC ASSERTIONS: On-Campus Partying	ANC ASSERTIONS: Off-Campus Partying	REALITY RE: UNIVERSITY POLICY and ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS
No weekday parties after midnight	No such limitation	SNAP and the University-funded MPD reimbursable detail officers respond to the noise and size of a party, which means on quiet weeknight evenings a party may be shut down by SNAP or MPD well before midnight. • Off campus students who are too noisy are subject to sanction by the University under the Student Code of Conduct • Off campus students who are too noisy may be cited, or even arrested, by local police for violations of District noise ordinances
No weekend parties after 2 a.m.	No such limitation	SNAP actively shuts down off-campus parties after 2 a.m., and, as noted, both SNAP and the MPD actively respond to behavior or noise complaints resulting in many parties being disbanded before 2 a.m. • Off campus students who are too noisy are subject to sanction by the University • Off campus students who are too noisy may be cited or arrested for violations of District noise ordinances

Two “coherent” host requirement	No such requirement	SNAP and OCSL staff hold off-campus students accountable in several ways that require hosts to be coherent: • Students who are not compliant with SNAP or MPD are subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct • Students who are rude or disorderly are subject to sanction under the Student Code of Conduct • Any students may be cited or arrested by MPD for public intoxication, disorderly conduct or any other violation of law
Capacity limitations	No such requirement	SNAP and MPD respond to the noise and size of a party, and in doing so specifically evaluate the number of people at a party vis-à-vis the capacity of the residence • As noted, students who are too noisy, non-compliant, rude or disorderly are subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct • The size of the party is a factor in the type of violation and sanction assigned under the Student Code of Conduct
No serving underage students	No such prohibition	Flatly false. Off campus students are subject to the same drinking age laws as on campus students, and prohibited from serving alcohol to anyone under age 21. The vast majority of students who reside off-campus are over 21.
No serving intoxicated students	No such prohibition	Flatly false. Off campus students are subject to local laws regarding the service of alcohol, and hosts are prohibited from serving to those who are intoxicated.
No parties that spill out of the premises	No such prohibition	SNAP and MPD respond to the noise and size of parties, and make special efforts to proactively address any party that is “spilling out” of a residence As noted, students who are too noisy or who fail to comply with SNAP or MPD’s direction are subject to University sanction and/or citation or arrest by MPD.

Only one keg per party	No such requirement	SNAP responds to the nature of a party, disbanding parties that are too loud, too large or too rowdy
No glass beer bottles allowed	No such prohibition	A policy specific to <i>glass</i> bottles is necessitated by the communal nature of Residence Hall living and related to safety concerns; it is not required in off-campus living.
No drinking games allowed	No such prohibition	SNAP and MPD respond to the noise and size of a party at any time of the day or night, disbanding parties that are too large, loud or rowdy. SNAP and MPD also respond directly to student behavior, and students who are non-compliant, disorderly, etc. are subject to sanction and/or citation and arrest.
Clean up required by 8:00 am	No such requirement	Off-campus students are required to comply with specific off-campus trash policies, which are informed by local laws and regulations • Students are required to collect trash promptly and maintain it neatly, as proscribed by DPW. ○ Community Advisors conduct regular trash patrols in the neighborhoods, and students who fail to comply with trash policies are sanctioned by the University. ○ Students who fail to comply with District trash rules are subject to citation by DPW. • The University has implemented its own early morning clean up efforts, and conducts a trash patrol on O and Prospect Streets from 37th to Wisconsin on weekend mornings. • The University currently supplements DPW trash pick up in some areas, and has proposed to start <i>new, daily</i> trash collection in the student-centric areas of West Georgetown and Burleith.
Parties must be registered with GU	No such requirement	Off-campus students are subject to party restriction sanction. Students on party restriction are prohibited for hosting parties for a designated period of time (typically a semester or longer), and if found to have violated the restriction receive increasingly serious sanctions. This

sanction applies only to off-campus students.

- SNAP is provided information about which residences are on party restriction every week as well as a list of areas where there have been reports of activity in the recent past, and patrols these areas with particular attention

EXTRA POLICIES THAT APPLY ONLY TO
STUDENTS LIVING OFF CAMPUS

In addition to the policies referenced above, the following policies *apply only to off-campus students*, and have been specifically designed to address issues of student impacts:

- *Mandatory Off-Campus Orientation* – off-campus students are required to attend a mandatory off-campus living orientation, and if they fail to do so, are not permitted to register for classes and are subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct
- *Local Addresses* – off-campus students are required to provide the University their local off-campus address, and if they fail to do so, are not permitted to register for classes and are subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct
- *Community Contract* – effective Fall 2011, off-campus students will be required to sign a mandatory community contract
- *Property Maintenance Policy* – effective Fall 2011, students will be expected to maintain the yards and exteriors of their rental properties, and may be sanctioned and fined for failing to do so
- *Repetitive Concerns Policy* – the University notifies the landlord if a residence is subject to even one complaint, a policy that can have adverse and serious consequences for student tenants
- *Trash sanctions* for violations off campus are significantly more serious than sanctions for similar violations in the residence halls