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D.C. Zoning Commission
Suite 210, 441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010 – 2020, Case No. 10-32

Dear Commissioners:

For fifteen years I have owned and lived in a house on 35th Street that was the first house built in Washington in the 20th century. It's a majestic Victorian house with a handsome turret that speaks to the integrity and character within. I have loved living in this house, save for the fact that it is on 35th Street, way too close to Georgetown University which threatens to take over our cherished community. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the University's expansion plan, hoping you will hear my plea, like that of so many others in the neighborhood.

Over the years my family and I have been victimized by Georgetown students; they have left debris all over my front yard, pulled up plants, hung underwear in the tree in my yard, thrown golf clubs over the fence into my back yard, climbed over the fence into my yard just because. . . I've had intoxicated boys pass out on my front stoop. . . one boy last year woke me up to let him in because he thought he lived here! The noise, especially on weekends, is intolerable. The University seems all too willing to turn its back to the community, allowing their entitled students to behave in ways that are unconscionable. Ultimately it's left up to the residents on every block in Georgetown to report loud late night parties to GU or the police, and to report trash and other problems to DC agencies.

I implore the Zoning Commission to take note of the strong opposition to GU's expansion that is shared by so many of us. The University needs to grow responsibly, providing sufficient on campus housing for its students so as not to displace or otherwise adversely impact the residents of our historic community.

I urge you to require the University to provide more student housing on the traditional campus, to readopt its former goal of housing 100% of its undergraduates on campus, to link undergraduate and graduate enrollment levels to University housing availability, to strengthen sanctions to reduce disorderly student behavior off campus and demonstrate that sanctions get applied, and to reduce student traffic and parking demand on our neighborhood.

I had the misfortune to live next door to "The Apostles of O'Neill" for three years. It affected my daily life, my sleep or lack thereof, my health, my emotional well being. No one should be subjected to this kind of living experience. The University turned its back.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

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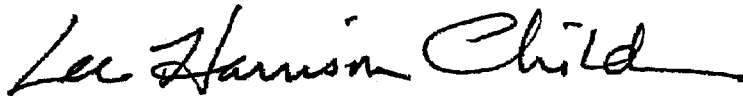
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I won't elaborate further on this, only to say that if this campus expansion is allowed to go forth, others will inevitably suffer as I did. Residents who love their homes and contribute to the community will move out. It will be the end of Georgetown as we know it. Enough said. Please hear my plea.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Harrison Child". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Lee Harrison Child