

D.C. Zoning Commission
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Re: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010-2020
Opposition to Georgetown University request for continuance of hearings

Dear Commissioners:

I have just heard that Georgetown University (GU) is requesting a delay of Zoning Commission hearings regarding their campus plan for 2010-2020 until the fall.

I am not surprised at this request but I am outraged once again at GU's tactics to use any and all means possible to avoid their inherent responsibilities to the communities in which they reside.

You, the Zoning Commission, are now getting a sample of what we, the neighbors, have been and are experiencing for years. We have tried over and over again to work with the university to solve the overwhelming problems of noise, alcohol-induced behaviors, massive trash sites, slum-like student houses, parking issues, traffic congestion, etc., etc. The university always seems to just pat us on the head and ask us for more time to address the problems. We have given them that time, in good faith, but we have little to show for our generosity. Seems to me that they are using the same tactic on you, the Zoning Commission.

Please do not give GU the delay it is requesting. It is simply the university's oft-used scheme to avoid doing the right and legal things to correct the wrongs that it has wrought on the neighborhoods which it surrounds.

It is very interesting to me that a huge organization with multiple resources, both financial and personnel, have the nerve to request a continuance. What have they been doing all these months and years? The issues with which they are confronted are certainly not new ones. The time for delays should be over. I say to you, the Commission, to tell GU that they need to deal with and deal with it NOW! The neighbors without the resources of GU certainly got it all together so why can't GU?

Please do not buy that GU needs more time. The communities are running out of time to save our neighborhoods. We are in the conditions we are in because, over the years, we did give GU time and look what did with it.

Sincerely



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