

DC Zoning Commission  
Suite 210, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington DC 20001  
June 6, 2011

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RE: OPPOSITION TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS PLAN 2010-2020, CASE  
NO 10-32

Dear Zoning Commissioners:

My name is Annie Donesa Montemayor, my husband Michael and I reside in 1413 36<sup>th</sup> St. NW, DC 20007.

We bought this property in June 1995, to enjoy and retire in Washington DC. We would like to express our strong opposition to GU proposed Campus Plan. My husband worked for Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, and was assigned worldwide. Upon retirement, we both wanted to age in place, where there would be a town and campus environment and where other amenities would be readily accessible. We studied all our options and DC and Georgetown suited our needs for retirement then.

Also, we were not strangers to the DC and Georgetown University environment as my late father, Alfonso P. Donesa, a retired judge of the Republic of the Philippines, graduated from the Law School of GU in 1920 Returned to the Philippines to practice law. We came back here as a family, for visits and alumni homecoming. A nephew Christopher Donesa received his undergrad degree at GU.

The point I am making here is we are not personally against GU. We feel we have significant ties to GU not only as a Jesuit institution but also personally, as my husband Michael also attended a Jesuit University.

The impact of the offcampus student population has adversely **changed for the negative and gravely deteriorated since we moved here in 1995**. We are moved to speak out in protest and state our vehement opposition for further expansion. You will hear most of the off campus behavior of the students at all hours in the hearings, but we have personally experienced the following and we have notified and informed the GU personnel each time. **The quality of life that we have had has deteriorated to the point that is no longer tolerable. We welcome the Zoning Commissions hearings. We need a third party to hear the community and the resident owners. Georgetown University did not make meaningful and result oriented moves to alleviate the situation.**

When we first we moved to DC in June 1995, in September after barely settling down we were teeped and rotten eggs were thrown at our door and front walls. We notified Jeanne Lord  
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who was then the off student campus director. She was gracious enough to have the wall cleaned up. Even back then, nobody was held accountable, although there was an investigation, we were told it was impossible to find out who was responsible.

Another serious incident occurred and I believe I averted a fire from a grouphouse of students, whose rental house backyard abuts our property. We have no back alley nor back exit to our property. This has its pluses and minuses, and as a result the backyards in the square are in full view. **The tenants of this house in a chilly November day built a campfire in their backyard. After a while, left the embers still glowing unattended.**

It was a windy day, I promptly called the firedept as the potential hazard of a glowing flying ember spark/ set any of the woodenhouses, that came from the bonfire, that was in close proximity on fire was great. The firedept then informed us that campfires are prohibited within the city limits. I again reported this to GU. After a week or so another campfire was started.

Once, we came home in April 2007 to have the glass table in our garden shattered from a beerbottle thrown from a rooftop party of students. Some beerbottles were also found in the neighbors' yards within the immediate backyards. We reported this incident again to GU. A GU student was held responsible for our glass table. The grave possibility of damage to life and limb due to immature irresponsible actions cannot be undone. **The Georgetown community cannot be the pseudo babysitters of Georgetown student, who are not matured enough for community living.**

In March 29, 2004, with the constant changes of Directors on Off Campus Student Life, I received a scathing letter from the then Director Charles Van Sant accusing me of being disrespectful to the Hotline and the SNAP program that GU was implementing. I was named as one of the irate customers. As I did not recall nor did he cite a specific incident, I decided to ignore the letter but the tone and the missive of the letter was offensive to me as a neighbor who was suppose to report these incidents. I felt I was responding to their socalled reaching out to the community effectively but reporting issues to them. He did not reach out personally to me to find out what was the matter to resolve issues. Needless to say this turned me off SNAP and their Hotline, if this was their attitude. GU only wanted to show and pay lipservice to the community, that GU was doing some active steps.

Another serious incident occurred in Sept 4, 2009, when we were traveling overseas. Our house was empty. Apparently four to five students ran and hid in our backyard breaking our fence, knocking down our water fountain, and causing havoc in our backyard. A neighbor witnessed all this about 11 pm. Supposedly, they were running away from a wild student party when the police came to break it up. We had to cut short our trip to return to be able to file a

police report. We found out after numerous phone calls the owner resident had to be physically present to file a police report or the Police Dept will not take down the report. This caused *considerable schedule redo and expense for us.*

The university has promised for years that their off campus student programs and steps would improve. Their actions prove otherwise. **The University's Magis Row program on 36<sup>th</sup> St. has aggravated the situation. When we came in 1995, these row of houses were being occupied by professionals who had served the University or the government in one way or another. Foot traffic, comings and goings were tolerable.**

**At present , since 2008 up to present, GU uses it now as grouphousing for students due to this Magis Row groupclass experience, the foot traffic night and day has dramatically changed. Aside from the additional day traffic, when there is a party or a getogether it spills into the sidewalk into our narrow two lane street, keeping the neighbors awake at all hours. The additional density entails trash,parking,disorderly conduct. We would like it to revert to what it was.**

**SNAP and the hotline and the University Off Campus Student Program is a dismal failure if I may say so. From 1995 up to the present GU lack of foresight and planning, although GU has known the problems of off student campus living did not act. It preferred to bury its head in the sand and pay lip service to the community. All indications are once the Campus plan is approved GU will again. GU has placed the burden on the residents of Georgetown to be THE ONES proactive in policing off campus student life problems, which has grown numerous.Due to all these problems the quality of life of residents have been affected. I could ad nauseam go on and on but time is limited for everyone.**

**WE URGE THE ZONING COMMISSION TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY TO MODIFY ITS CAMPUS PLAN. ELIMINATE THE OBJECTIONABLE AND DETRIMENTAL IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING ENSURE THAT THE UNIVERSITY GROWS RESPONSIBLY AND ACCOUNTABLY TO THE ADJOINING COMMUNITIES.....**

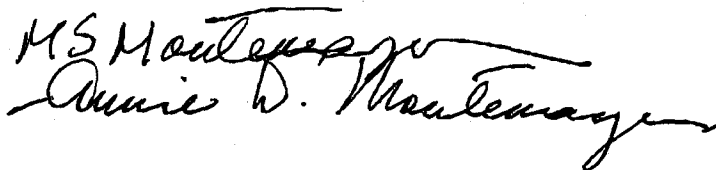
**IMPORTANTLY READOPT ITS FORMER GOAL OF HOUSING 100% OF ITS UNDERGRADUATES ON ITS OWN CAMPUS... RATIONALE FOR THIS IS THESE STUDENTS ARE NOT MATURED ENOUGH FOR LIVING AMONGST THE COMMUNITY.... BURDEN SHOULD NOT BE**

**ON THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE MORE STUDENT ACTIVITIES  
ON THE CAMPUS.**

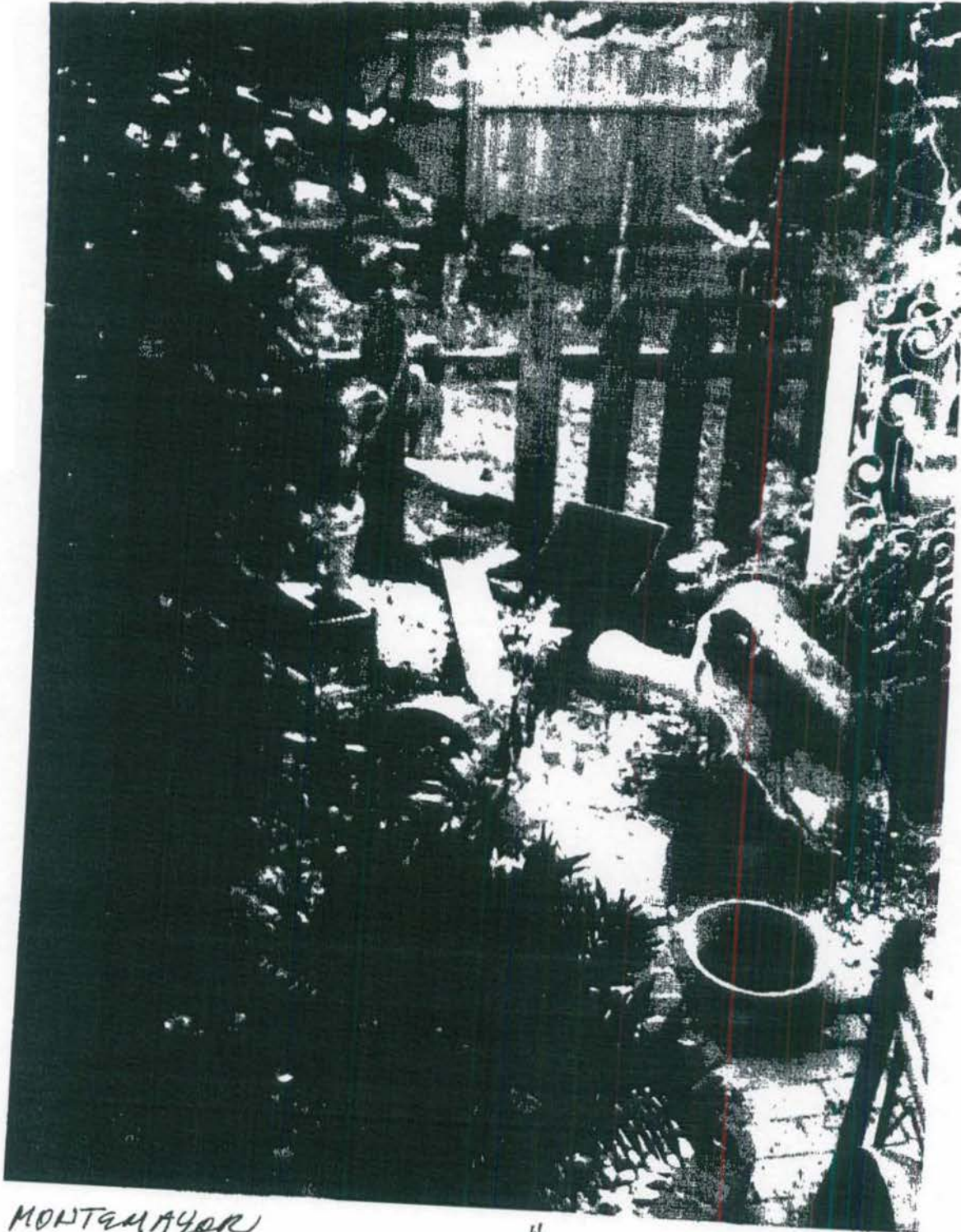
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Montemayor  
Annie D. Montemayor  
1413 36<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
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Handwritten signatures of Michael S. Montemayor and Annie D. Montemayor. The signature of Michael S. Montemayor is written above the signature of Annie D. Montemayor.

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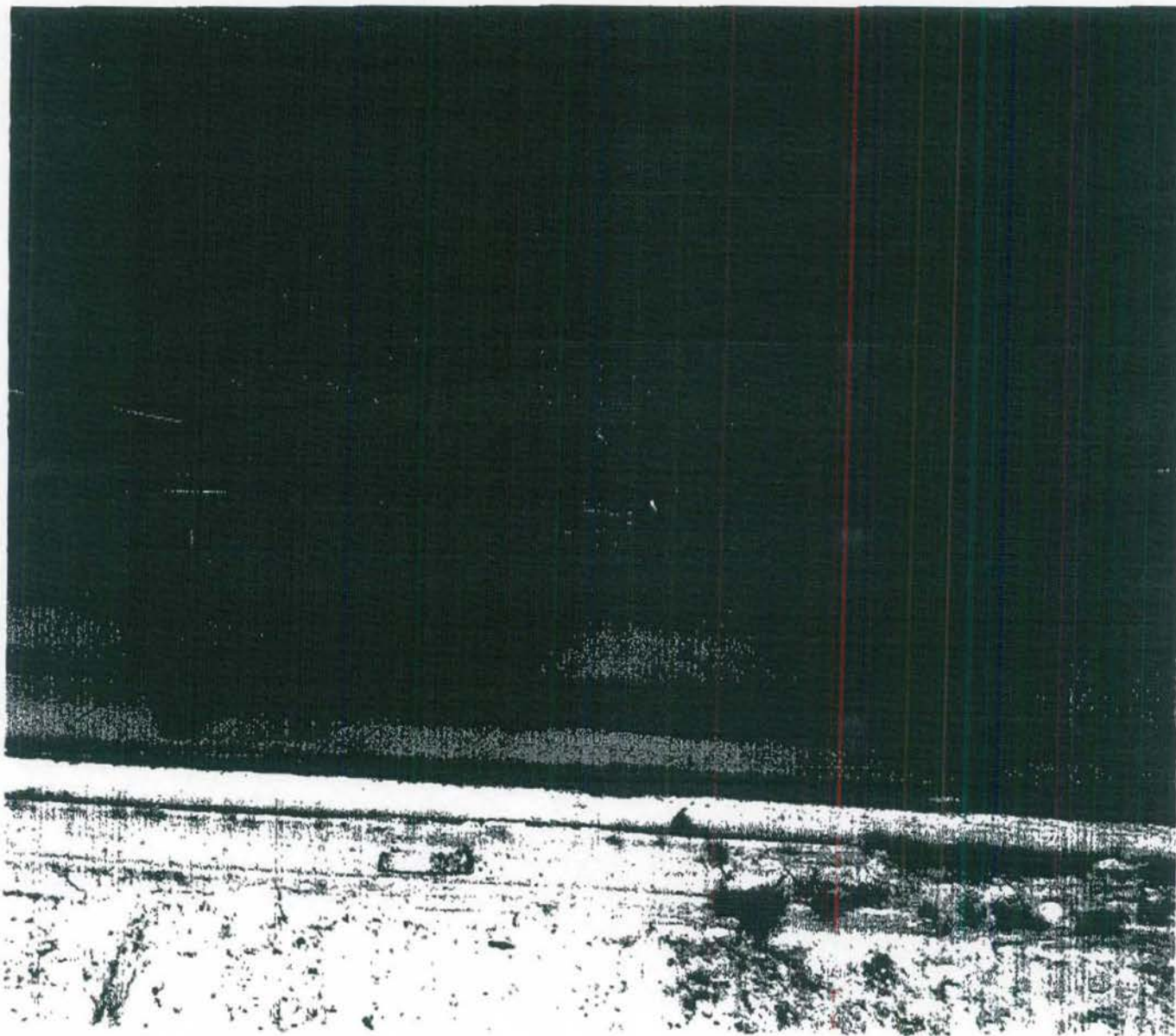
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