

June 19, 2011

The Honorable Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, (Suite 220 South)
Washington, D.C. 20001

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

I oppose Georgetown's plan to develop its campus at the expense of Glover-Archbold Park. The intent is to create a new main entrance to GU on Canal Road. The plan calls for construction of a loop road along GU's westernmost rim, which drops into Glover-Archbold Park. Daily traffic is estimated to initially include 233 bus trips and an unspecified number of automobiles for GU's 15,000 students. The rim road will require extensive construction and tree removal. The steep slope has collapsed twice since 2007, which is further indication that the ramifications of the plan have not been well considered.

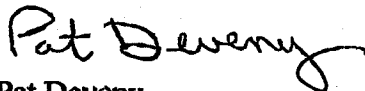
Of utmost importance is that Grover-Archbold Park be protected from the likely degradation that most certainly will follow if construction is permitted. Once the land has been destroyed, it can not be recovered. I am reminded of the sentiments attributed to Chief Seattle in a letter to President Franklin Pierce in 1855.

"...There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the leaves of spring or the rustle of insect wings. But perhaps because I am a savage and do not understand - the clatter only seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lovely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frog around the pond at night..."

I understand alternative routes have been proposed that will not require building of more roads. In the end, the preservation and protection of Glover-Archbold Park is more important than building yet another road in this already densely populated area. I urge you to take the high road and seek alternatives that will not encroach upon this wonderful regional asset.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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EXHIBIT NO. 327