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To Chairman Hood and the Zoning Commissioners.

In my testimony at the June 2 Zoning Commission hearing on Georgetown University's ten-year expansion plan. I submitted an e-mail string of my engagement with GU since September 2010. Chairman Hood requested that I meet with Ms. Jeanne Lord, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, to talk about enforcement options. On June 11, my wife, Alex, and I met with Ms. Lord.

Ms. Lord spoke with us for about 45 minutes. Unfortunately, the conversation led to no substantive offers or ideas on enforcement that gave either me or Alex any hope that drunken student behavior and group house offenses would be controlled or improved.

In our conversation, Ms. Lord expressed her understanding of and sympathy for our frustration engaging GU over the past academic year. She committed to personally respond to our future problems. When I asked her, specifically, what GU could do to fix the extensive problems, she offered the following:

- To "look into the possibility" of a shuttle bus on M St. to return students after bars close.
- To focus SNAP's deployment to Prospect St.
- To reiterate to SNAP and its accompanying police detail that they should arrest or discipline students, as appropriate.
- To energize the West Georgetown representative in GU's community advisor program.

None of these options alone, or together, give me or Alex any hope for an improvement because they are all existing programs or ideas that have already failed. Ms. Lord could not commit to implementing the shuttle bus (I have little confidence it would help, even if offered – there are simply too many students). Focusing SNAP on Prospect St. would disadvantage other areas, and SNAP doesn't work. Neither the police nor GU has any interest in arresting students. And the community advisor program, which I had never heard of before, was apparently in place last academic year and had no results.

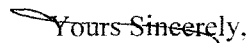
I confirmed with Ms. Lord that the above options were what she could offer. I stated that I had little expectation, if any, that they would improve things, and asked if more

could be done. Ms. Lord acknowledged my concerns, but did not offer any additional enforcement options.

I have lost hope that GU will implement any enforcement plan that will address the extensive problems that Burleith and West Georgetown face. How can any University - or anyone for that matter - control literally hundreds of steaming-drunk college students spread over two neighborhoods? I understand why GU cannot propose an enforcement plan: there is none that will work.

I did not know about the proposal to return all of GU's undergraduates to on-campus housing until I attended the Zoning Commission hearings. After learning about the idea, after meeting again with GU to talk seriously about enforcement, and after many kitchen conversations with my family on what can be done, I now sign on to the proposal.

Chairman Hood and Commissioners, please return undergraduate students to campus because it is the only solution that will right most - not all - of the wrongs done several nights a week every week of the academic year. This is the only way to take real action to save our neighborhoods, which will otherwise be destroyed then abandoned, as we have repeatedly, passionately, and honestly testified.

Yours Sincerely,



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