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Dear Mr. Hood:

My name is Carrie Thornhill and I write in support of Georgetown University's 2010 Campus Plan because of my long time residency and involvement in the city and my particular affiliation with Georgetown in recent years in Ward 7. As you know, I have been an active citizen in Washington, DC for many years, serving in various roles including but not limited to: officer of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, chair of the Washington DC Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Partnership, and chair of the Washington East Foundation, all focused in Ward 7. Other roles of which I am particularly proud and give me perspective on our city and its institutions include: Mayoral appointee to the DC Board of Education, 2003 to 2006, chair of the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment from 1984 to 1993 and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the University of the District of Columbia from 1993 to 1998.

Georgetown University has been a valuable partner in Ward 7 and I welcome the opportunity to tell you about the work they have done in our community over the years.

Since 1989, Georgetown University has been a partner with students, parents and teachers in Ward 7's Ron Brown School through a college preparation program, the Institute for College Preparation, now called the Meyers Institute for College Preparation (MICP). Through MICP cohorts of students spend six years working in small groups and receiving one on one attention from their teachers, while relationships are developed and assistance is provided for every family in preparation for college success for their children. Each cohort spends Saturdays during the school year and weekdays during the summer on Georgetown's campus receiving instruction in mathematics, science, language arts, foreign language, study skills and other enrichment. Georgetown provides transportation, breakfast and lunch. In the 9th grade students are treated to a Broadway play and in 10th grade all

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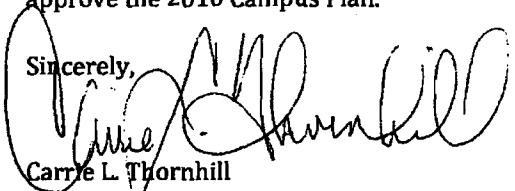
expenses are paid for a trip abroad. Groups have traveled to Costa Rica, Panama and Ecuador – to name a few. In the 12th grade, they visit colleges around the country – all through support from Georgetown University and the Myers Institute of College preparation. Since 2008, Georgetown University has also reached out to students from Kelly Miller and Sousa Middle to participate in the MICP.

In recent years, Georgetown University committed to further enhancing education in Ward 7 through the Ward 7 Initiative. The Ward 7 Initiative connects the university with the Ward 7 community in support of students, families and schools in their effort to respond to demonstrated community needs. The Initiative includes Georgetown university-wide resources, expertise, and service to partner schools and their students and families. The partnership includes, but is not limited to early childhood literacy and parent support programs; adolescent literacy programs; pre-college awareness and academic preparation; dual enrollment; and University-School partnerships through course initiatives and academic support programs.

Finally, Georgetown University also has been a partner in the Ward 7 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Partnership, better known as STEM. Staff from the university participated in planning the 2008 STEM Summit; Georgetown students volunteered to help set up, manage a display table, and present in workshops; and Georgetown provided breakfast and lunch for all attendees. As a result of this partnership, PhD biology students currently conduct marine biology labs throughout the school year as part of a Marine Discovery Program in 5th grade at the Anne Beers Elementary School.

Georgetown University has been an excellent partner to Ward 7 residents and I believe their support in our community exemplifies their commitment to the greater Washington DC community. We appreciate all that they do and urge the Board to approve the 2010 Campus Plan.

Sincerely,



Carrie L. Thornhill
President