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**Reference: Zoning Case 11-20 University of the District of
Columbia Campus Plan and Case 11-02-A Van Ness Campus
Student Center**

Dear Mr. Weinbaum,

As a neighbor who has lived more than 20 years directly next door to the University of the District of Columbia Sport Center I would like to comment on the future plans of the University with regard to their use of land and the way my tax money is being spent.

First, the UDC campus is ugly, unappealing and unwelcoming. Any improvement I'm sure would be appreciated by the entire neighborhood.

UDC is a poor neighbor.

- The south side of Yuma street from the end of the sidewalk to the STOP sign where students often park and sit in their cars studying and eating and waiting for their classes to begin is littered with trash and looks like a dumping ground. Not only is it unsightly it is unhealthy.
As part of UDC property is should be properly landscaped and tended on a regular basis.
- For several years there has been a loud and constant HUMMM from the broken generator/air conditioner behind the Sport Center.

The accreditation status of UDC is questionable. Perusing the internet it seems that only the engineering curriculums and law school are accredited by the appropriate organizations. Such a situation is not likely to generate an increased enrollment and it seems that improving the quality of the education offered should be the first order of business. Considerable degree of success should occur before spending tax money on the physical plant.

The need for a student center is understandable. If a design for such a center has been finalized I can't find a rendering of the outside nor a floor plan on the internet that I might peruse before deciding on approval or disapproval.
How big is it? How tall is it? Etc. How much will it cost?

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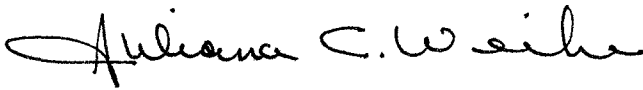
Students who are DC residents have no need for student housing. They can live at home or make other arrangements within DC borders.

On campus student housing should not even be considered until UDC is fully accredited and there is a clamoring from qualified out of state students for admission to UDC who desire on campus housing.

Parking is already a problem in the neighborhood even with the limited enrollment at UDC. All parking spaces on Yuma street between 35th street and Reno Road and the side streets from about 8:30 am until the evening are filled on weekdays. With more students it will only get worse.

Demonstrate to the neighborhood that academic offerings and academic standards have reached a level of which DC residents can be proud before requesting approval to spend additional tax money for unwarranted additions to the physical plant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Juliana C. Weihe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Juliana C. Weihe