

2022 CAMPUS PLAN STEERING: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION
TESTIMONY OF FRED WEINER, INTERM ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT,
ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. T. ALAN HURWITZ

Good evening. On behalf of Gallaudet University President Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz and the entire Gallaudet community I am pleased to present the Gallaudet University 2022 Campus Plan for your consideration and approval. Gallaudet University, the world's only university with programs and services specifically designed to serve deaf and hard of hearing students, was established in 1864 by an Act of Congress. Gallaudet maintains a proud tradition of research and scholarly activity that includes exemplary educational programs to pre-K to 12 deaf and hard of hearing students at the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center.

Gallaudet is one of Washington DC's valued anchor institutions essential to the District's economic and cultural vitality. As one of the area's largest businesses in 2011, Gallaudet spent more than \$196 million in compensation, goods and services and capital improvements. As the only institution of its kind in the world, Gallaudet serves as a cultural destination for an international deaf community and is the center of one of the largest concentrations of deaf people in the world.

The 2022 Campus Plan charts a bold course for Gallaudet's future at a time when advancements in technology are expanding communication access for deaf people. And, at this same time the District and the community surrounding the campus are undergoing extraordinary growth, redefining our nation's capital as a center of innovation and a model of sustainability.

Gallaudet's first formal plan for the campus, prepared in 1866 by Fredrick Law Olmsted, envisioned the campus as a picturesque academic enclave set apart from the city. Now, nearly 150 years later, the 2022 Campus Plan seeks to better integrate the campus with the surrounding community through greater connectivity and vibrant mixed-use development at the campus edge. The academic and historic core will be preserved and enhanced to foster greater collegiality and enable Gallaudet to excel at its mission and strategic goals. With each new project, Gallaudet will build a more sustainable campus better attuned to deaf cognitive and cultural sensibilities.

The 2022 Campus Plan will build a memorable place where our students can live, learn and create within an environment that celebrates deaf ways of being while fostering new partnerships for research, education, and job opportunities that will enrich the deaf community and the quality of life in Washington DC. In short, this Plan guides Gallaudet *"From Isolation to Innovation"*.

In closing I would like to thank the members of our Campus Plan Steering Committee, the Gallaudet community, as well as local residents, businesses and stakeholders for their invaluable time, commitment, and feedback on the Plan. A special thanks to ANC commissioners of 5B, 6A, and 6C for their support and the staff at the DC Office of Planning and the DC Department of Transportation for their

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guidance and finally the Urban Land Institute for their important contribution on this project. Thank you and good evening.