ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2A04
2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037

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Mrs. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
Office of Zoning, Suite 210
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Party Status - BZA Application No. 16553
George Washington University (GWU) Campus Plan 2000-2010

Dear Mrs. Kress:

As I wrote you on April 11, I wish to file for Party Status in the above cited application in accordance with the provisions of 11 DCMR 3022.3, as follows:

(a) *Person's Name and Address*: Barbara Spillinger, 2500 Virginia Avenue, NW, #607-S, Washington, DC 20037 -- Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 2A04, and Chair of ANC-2A.

(b) *Request to appear and participate as a party*: This letter is a formal request to appear and to participate as a party in the above cited case.

(c) *Position*: Opponent.

(d) *Legal Counsel*: Will not appear through legal counsel.

(e) I am the owner of an apartment in the Watergate Complex, whose residents find themselves ever more surrounded by GWU owned properties (the Howard Johnson's, now a freshman dormitory at 2601 Virginia; the George Washington University Inn at 824 New Hampshire, and GWU's 28.55% interest in Columbia Plaza, which already houses a considerable number of students), as well as a number of privately owned apartment buildings and individual town houses that are primarily student occupied.

In addition, the Watergate Mall, below the complex, houses the only grocery store (a Safeway) of any size in the neighborhood -- and must serve the student body as well as area residents.

GWU's announced policy that it "will continue, as it has historically done, to use property outside the Campus Plan boundaries...as a matter of right under the zoning applicable in each case" (see April 12, 2000 Campus Plan, page 23), presages the continuing loss of residential housing, taxpaying home and apartment owners and long-term lessees, and continuing traffic and parking problems that are aggravating to my neighbors and the residential community as a whole.

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Case No. 16553
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District of Columbia
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Although I realize that I automatically have Party Status as ANC Chair, I am asking for single party status as well in the event this case continues beyond the tenure of my office, or might be reopened when I no longer hold my position as Commission Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Spillinger

Barbara Spillinger, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A