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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: The G.W. University Cam pus Plan
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Application # 165553

Dear Ms. Reid-Cross:

Whoever sent me a letter enclosing copy for a message I could send to the Zoning Board, endorsing G.W.U.'s plan for expanding their "holdings" in the District, picked the WRONG person.....Rather than endorsing their plan, as life-long native of D.C., I am VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to G.W.'s plans for future expansion, and what they have already, (in some cases), Acquired without proper authority!

My view of this shameful action in ignoring the boundaries of the campus plan in effect is based on my life as an involved and concerned citizen of the District of Columbia. Through my late husband's activities as a fellow of The American Institute of Architects, President of D.C. American Institute of Architects, and Professor of Architecture at Howard University for 25 years, in addition to his private practice and periods of serving on various Boards in the city, ~~regulations~~ I have gleaned a fair amount of knowledge of building regulations etc. in D.C. to give me some degree of expertise to " comment" and to "defend" the laws already in place.

Whoever said BIGGER is BETTER?.....?? I suggest that the university would do better to expand it's courses in ETHICS and related subjects rather than take over the city. Before we know it, the name will be changed from Washington to "George Washington University"

In going beyond the campus plan limits, G.W.U. has shown signs of GREED...In acquiring properties that were income producing to the District of Columbia... D.C. cannot afford to lose tax dollars for whatever reason, but, certainly not to appease a university's lust for dominance! ...THEY claim they will enhance the Cultural life of the District residents... Hogwash! We already have the Kennedy Center for the performing Arts in the area! Let's get behind <u>their</u> programs that need audiences,people who can leave offices, and their homes, dine if desired, and walk to the Kennedy Center.

The Foggy Bottom Area is already suffering from grid-lock...it scares me to think what life will be when the hospital is opened.

Before making any decisions regarding the G.W. request, members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment would do well to visit the area between Virginia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue and Washington Circle before making any judgement on this issue!!!

In all considerations, I beg that you consider the lost tax dollars to the District. Can we afford to rob our city to satisfy the greed of others?

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(Mrs. Leon Brown)

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