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Andrew Altman, Director
Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 400
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: George Washington University Campus Plan, 2000-2010, BZA Application No. 16553

Dear Andy:

I have reviewed your April 21, 2000, memorandum to the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment concerning the pending George Washington University (GWU) Campus Plan. I am concerned about the impact of the Campus Plan on residents of Foggy Bottom as articulated by your report. Accordingly, I fully support and applaud your efforts to ensure the Campus Plan makes the best sense for the University's residential neighbors in Foggy Bottom.

Your report succinctly summarizes the issues at stake in this community. There is an increasing institutional and residential conflict in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. The only way to remedy this conflict is for the proposed Campus Plan to contain: (1) clear campus boundaries, and (2) a University that is primarily operated *within* those boundaries. Implicit in this statement is the need to house a majority of students on-campus.

The District of Columbia has a disconnect between the City's campus plan processes and the zoning regulations. Since the GWU Campus Plan currently pending before the Board of Zoning Adjustment deals primarily with the existing area of the campus, the administrative arms of the City must look at the effects of university growth in larger contexts. To that end, I am encouraged by your recognition of this dilemma in your report and I support the concept of amending zoning laws to deal with university growth.

In closing, I am very pleased with the contemplative approach your office is taking and look forward to the successful outcome of your negotiations with community leaders and the University . As the Councilmember for Ward 2, I will gladly lend whatever assistance is appropriate throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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cc: Jack Batham, President, West End Citizens Association
Elly Becker, President, Foggy Bottom Association
Sheila Cross Reid, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Barbara Spillinger, Chair, ANC2A
Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President, George Washington University
Mayor Anthony Williams

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