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TO: Sheila Reid-Cross Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment, 441-4th St., NW, 2nd Floor, Wash., DC 20001

RE: The G.Wash. Univ. Campus Plan, No. 16553 Appl#

PLEASE, do take into consideration the annexation of so many apts. and even the rent-controlled adjoining Columbia Plaza, and the wonderful bldg. across from Watergate (formerly Howard Johnson's) all of which have been annexed by your university, so that all bldgs. except Watergate are now being used in our community area to enhance and enlarge dormitory housing for G.Wash.'s student population!

While you may be doing less construction, still it is merely because you have occupied and taken over every available empty apt. site, during the last 25+ years. I moved into Watergate in 1970, and was amazed to learn how steadily G.W. Univ. has annexed and incorporated into its area every tempty bldg. storeand house in all of the streets of our once diversified neighborhood. These places became housing for students, or class bldgs.

THIS IS NOT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR, but it is being a venial, space-taking monster, who seeks to identify and own and remove most of the elderly who have lived here for many years in what they hoped was a supportive community. You HAVE NOT ENRICHED our community, quite the opposite. Offering impossible prices, you have, instead taken over every available apt. site and bldg. for G.W.Univ. use, even in advance of need. While this is typical, it was never necessary nor invited.

Kindly bring this note to the attention of your Board: it deserves fair, open discussion!

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