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April 5, 2000

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

Re: The George Washington University Campus Plan
Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 16553

Dear Members of the Board:

Under the letterhead of The George Washington University, Mr. Ron Lehker and Mr. Don Tobey sent letters representing themselves as "neighbors". They enclosed a pre-written letter addressed to you requesting signature of local residents. This letter was mailed to everyone in my complex.

I take great offense to someone writing an unsolicited letter to me enclosing a letter purporting to represent my views in this neighborhood. I question the use of University letterhead by "neighbors".

This solicitation is yet another example of the methods used by the University to gain acceptance in a neighborhood it has continually abused by violating its own commitment to be a good neighbor. There is no confidence in Foggy Bottom that any Campus plan will be adhered to or will even be openly discussed. The continued silence on the University's use of the existing Hospital structure is an indication of how they share with the community.

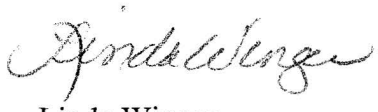
I do not support any additional encroachment into the neighborhood, which has endured another year of unexpected moves by the University to expand its campus (The Howard Johnson Hotel, Columbia Plaza, the destruction of townhouses on 24th St., etc.).

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EXHIBIT NO.71

I encourage Members of the Board to consider the integrity of a long-standing neighborhood and develop a plan for this City that will preserve the interest of individuals to live and work in the City.

Sincerely,



Linda Winger
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The George Washington University
WASHINGTON DC

March 23, 2000

Dear Neighbors,

Our neighbor, The George Washington University is now in the midst of its Campus Plan process. In general, this is something every university in the District of Columbia is required to do approximately every ten years. After almost 15 months of discussions with community groups, GW has drawn up its Campus Plan 2000, a blueprint to guide GW's development through the next decade. After reviewing the plan, we can honestly say it is balanced and thoughtful and addresses the needs of our shared Foggy Bottom community.

As you will see from the enclosed brochure, GW enriches our neighborhood culturally, academically and economically. As a neighbor, we can take advantage of the many amenities GW has to offer from dining to theater to increased security. The ability of GW to continue to be such a positive presence in the community is, therefore, contingent on the success of its future development as outlined in Campus Plan 2000. To keep the community informed throughout the process, GW is staffing a Campus Plan 2000 hotline at 202-994-7600. Community liaison Michele Gagne is available to answer your questions or you can visit www.gwu.edu to learn more about the plan.

The next step is for GW to seek approval of its Campus Plan 2000 from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). Since the University has demonstrated such a strong interest in working with the community, we need to reciprocate by supporting its Campus Plan 2000. Attached is a sample letter of support that emphasizes the key points we feel must be made to the community and the BZA. We urge you to either send a signed copy of this letter or write one in your own words and send it to the BZA as soon as possible.

As neighbors it's in our best interest to work together to help the Foggy Bottom, West End and GW communities flourish.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Lehker
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2440 Virginia Avenue, NW

Don Tobey
Claridge House
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