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Sheila Cross-Reid, Chairperson
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Room 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Request to Become a Party in the Case of George Washington University's (GWU's) Campus Plan Application, No. 16553

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board:

I request to appear and participate as a party in the above-referenced matter. My name is James E. McLeod. My address is 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue NW #407, Washington, D.C. 20037, where I have lived full-time since 1983. I wish to appear *pro se* (i.e., without legal counsel) as an opponent of the application. I live approximately 200 feet or less from the northwest corner (24th & K Sts.) of the campus boundary.

I am a tenant at 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The neighborhood character of my building has already been changed because of the limited on-campus housing provided by the University. A few years ago, the University leased approximately 33 apartments in my building to house its students. After a year, they left and were replaced by short-term tenants in town for a month or less. I have corresponded with GWU President Trachtenberg about the pedestrian hazards that will be created for me and others if the proposed new hospital is built, and I have proposed that a colonial style dorm or combined academic and residential building be put on that site instead. The proposed campus plan does not specify what will happen with the existing hospital building (reducing any opposition that might be created if the use was specified, and thus increasing the chances the new building with its pedestrian hazards will be built) nor does the campus plan provide for adequate on-campus housing.

If the proposed plan is approved, it is likely the University will continue to push out full time residents as its buys up housing stock in Foggy Bottom. The approval of such a plan would subject me and other residents who live in the neighborhood, but not in the historic district of Foggy Bottom (which, in an apparent effort to divide the community, University spokespersons have said it does not plan to occupy), to the increased likelihood of being forced out by uncontrolled growth of the University beyond the campus boundaries because the plan does not call for adequate on-campus housing which the University would have an interest in filling before buying up housing stock outside its boundaries. While I do plan to testify and cross examine witnesses (if I see the need), I do not plan to call other witnesses.

Sincerely,

James McLeod

James E. McLeod

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