CLOISTERS IN GEORGETOWN
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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 30, 2000

The Hon. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW--Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: BZA Application No. 16565 (St. Mary's Hall, Georgetown University)
BZA Application No. 165666 (Georgetown University Campus Plan)

Dear Ms. Reid:

This is written to request that Cloisters in Georgetown Homeowners Association ("Cloisters") be granted Party Status in the subject proceedings ("the Applications"). We wish to reserve the right to be represented by counsel.

Cloisters represents the owners of 32 homes and/or lots located along Reservoir Road, 35th Street and Winfield Lane which are part of the residential complex closest to St. Mary's Hall (literally, just a few yards from it). Our goal, inter alia, is to protect and enhance both the property values and quality of life of our members.

St. Mary's Hall was established in Georgetown University's ("Georgetown") current campus plan as a dormitory for 200 students, and as the location for nursing school offices and classrooms. The Applications would terminate that dormitory function and substitute office space for some 200 employees with an above-ground 500 car garage in front of it.

The Applications, if approved, could vitally affect both property values and the quality of life in the Cloisters because the changed usage could:

- add to traffic congestion in our already crowded neighborhood; and
- add to the pressure for student off-campus housing in the Cloisters and elsewhere since, as we understand it, Georgetown would not replace the beds.

These concerns, in turn, relate directly to ongoing and long-standing issues between Georgetown, Cloisters and the entire community concerning Georgetown's pledge to limit off-campus student housing which has blighted certain areas to the detriment of both property values and the quality of life for the affected residents.

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Accordingly, Cloisters respectfully requests that it be granted party status so that it can more fully present its views, and protect the interests of its members.

Kindly indicate your receipt of this letter by signing, dating and returning to me the copy of this letter which I have enclosed for that purpose.

Very truly yours,

Stephen A. Hopkins, President
Cloisters in Georgetown Homeowners Association

Letter Received:

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Name
Date: March , 2000