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April 1, 2000

Ms. Jerrilyn R. Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
Suite 210
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application No. 16565, St. Mary's Hall, Georgetown University

Dear Ms. Kress:

In accordance with 11 DCMR 3106.2, this letter serves as request for party status in the above cited application for Georgetown University to redesignate the use category of St. Mary's Hall from residential to mixed use. This request is being made by the Board of the Burleith Citizens Association.

(a) **Person's Name and Address**: Pat Scolaro, President of the Burleith Citizens Association, 1807 37th Street,NW,Washington, DC 20007. Board members' names and addresses are attached.

(b) **Request to appear and participate as a party:** This letter is the formal request to appear and to participate as a party in the case of Application No. 16565.

(c) **Position on the application:** Opponent

(d) **Legal Counsel:** Will not appear through legal counsel

(e) **Statement as to why party status should be granted:** Burleith is a small four square block single family residential community immediately across Reservoir Road from Georgetown University and directly across from St. Mary's Hall. This community is severely impacted by actions taken by the University. Burleith has many group houses most of which are occupied by undergraduates who attend Georgetown University. At last count, taken by the University in the Spring of 1996, 536 undergraduates were living in Burleith.St. Mary's Hall is part of the ampus plan. In Appendix H of the plan entitled Georgetown University graduates Housing Program in Part IV, Sec.A, Increasing the Supply

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of beds on Campus, No. 3 lists St. Mary's as a means to provide 200 new beds to meet the University goal of 925 new on-campus beds by the Fall of 1997. Also in Appendix H the University states in the Introduction, "To this end, the University has adopted as a long term goal the ability to provide housing for 100% of its undergraduate students on campus." It is well known that neither of the above on-campus housing goals were made and removing St. Mary's from housing into mixed use is not fair to the community of Burleith. We feel very strongly that Georgetown University should be held to their commitment of St. Mary's as residential use to house 200 of these students.

This proposed change of use from residential to mixed would require an amendment to the 1990 campus plan. May we remind you as stated on page 13 of Appendix H:

> "To provide a mechanism for monitoring of the University's progress toward attainment of its goals, the University agrees to provide the Board of Zoning Adjustment with an update on its progress as part of each application before the BZA for implementation pursuant to the Campus Plan. Further, the University agrees to provide local citizen groups with a written update of its progress in 1995."

As far as I know, Burleith never received such an update.

We also request party status in light of the University's announcement of intent to increase their current undergraduate population by as many as 50 per year over the next ten years, therefore, 500 new students in the next ten years. This intent is part of the proposed Campus plan for 2000 - 2010 which will be before the BZA. As you can see by the enclosed chart entitled Georgetown University , Students-Zip Code 20002, 1427 undergraduates live off campus in zip code 20007. With the new Southwest Quad dorm to be completed by 20002, 780 of these students will live on campus leaving approximately 647 students in the immediate neighborhoods. Add another 500 in ten years and we are looking at about 1147 students forced to find off-campus housing. This is hardly achieving the stated goal in the1990 campus plan that St. Mary's Hall is apart of.

Thank you for your attention and we do hope that our request for party status will be approved.

Sincerely,

Patricia Scolaro

Patricia Scolaro
President,Burleith Citizens Association

Georgetown University Students - Zip Code 20007

Spring 1996

Community	Undergraduate	Graduates	Medical
Georgetown Waterfront & Park	41	15	5
East Georgetown	29	50	17
West Georgetown	622	81	27
Burleith	536	99	76
Foxhall	35[1]	98	135
Cloisters	51	1	7
Hillandale	8	2	0
Georgetown Reservoir	13	23	11
Glover Park	88	305	196
Palisades	4	5	64
Total	1427[2]	679	538

[1] Includes Foxhall Village & Foxhall Crescent

[2]This figure includes all undergraduates living in zip code 20007; the number released in April 1996 -- 1220 -- included "traditional" undergraduate students, as defined by the BZA.

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