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Washington, DC 20007
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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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RE: BZA Application No. 16566
Georgetown University Campus Plan

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to express my strong support of Georgetown's Campus Plan. This plan of development to provide additional on-campus housing and academic facilities will dramatically aid the University in fulfilling its educational mission and in maintaining its preeminent status among American universities. And as Georgetown successfully fulfills its mission and maintains its leadership status, the better a neighbor it can continue to be and will become.

In my view, the greater Georgetown community (as well as the entire District of Columbia) is a so much more desirable area because it has the University as its neighbor. I know that the Duke Ellington High School in particular and other institutions in the District, including the Ron H. Brown Middle School and the Perry School Community Center, benefit from the support of time and resources of the University and its students and faculty. At Perry, I understand Georgetown has provided tutors for over 30 years, done mentoring, and run adult literacy classes.

My wife and I reside in Hillandale, but as an active Georgetown alumnus (College, 1965) over the years, I have first hand knowledge of the University's efforts to be the best neighbor it can be. I also know of its concerns to address issues associated with on-campus student housing through my activities as a part of the staff involved in fund-raising for the University's Capital Campaign.

The University's record in terms of percentages of undergraduate students living on campus is the best in the District, and, I believe, in the nation, aside from the military academies. Also, in aggregate numbers, Georgetown, in fact, houses the largest number of undergraduates in the District and that number will increase further with the completion of the Southwest Quadrangle in 2003.

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Georgetown has also consistently allocated extensive resources to maintain (and renovate as necessary) its existing housing facilities. I think it can be said that the University has done all it can reasonably do (consistent with its financial resources and other responsibilities) to provide very high levels of on-campus housing.

We are all the better off because Georgetown University is our neighbor, and so I reiterate my whole-hearted support of its Campus Plan.

Thank you very much for providing me with the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Vasta