Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of the District of Columbia and have been residing at 1410 34th Street for the last 11 years. I have served on the ANC, am on the Board of Friends of Volta Park, and have run the Georgetown Garden Day, which benefits the urban spaces in our community. I care deeply about this community and the entire District of Columbia. I want my letter to be part of the record of the public hearing on Georgetown University's Campus Plan.

I am opposed to the plan. I object to the density of the proposed building, the lack of parking facilities, and the increase in enrollment both undergraduate and graduate.

Georgetown University has been for many years a destructive institution in our residential neighborhood due to students living in large numbers around the university in poorly maintained, trash and rat infested houses. You will see photographs and hear testimony at the hearing about this persistent problem.

Just yesterday, I was looking over the campus from the Leavy Center and the green space is very small. The university is overbuilding its campus and this will not only impact upon our fragile and historic neighborhood, but also detract from the life of the undergraduates, who now are forced to live off campus and find activities, often negative, off campus.

I want to propose the following for your consideration:

THE BUSINESS SCHOOL SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY.

I agree with Mayor Williams that the university would be doing a great service to the city by finding another location for their

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business school, as they did for the law school, Other parts of the city, less densely developed would welcome a graduate school. The costs for the university would be less. Their presence in the neighborhood could do much to help with urban renewal, and may I humbly suggest, that as its mission a Georgetown Business School could have a special focus on improving the lives of those living in the inner city.

Your role is to listen to the tax paying residents and to "level the playing field' between residents and large, powerful institutions. I hope that this decision has not already been made, and that you will listen to the very serious concerns of your residents.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,

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