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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16566
Georgetown University Campus Plan

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board:

Georgetown University opposes the request of the Citizens Association of Georgetown ("CAG") and the Burleith Citizens Association ("Burleith") for postponement of the scheduled public hearings on its campus plan application. There is no purpose to be served by delay and the case is ready for public hearing. The specific reasons for the University's opposition are as follows:

1. The case has already been postponed once at the specific request of the community. At that time, the community requested a one month delay and the University agreed to postpone its May public hearing until June with the understanding that the facilitation process would be completed in time for its June hearing.

2. The stated purpose for this delay request is to allow more time for the facilitation process to be successful; however, the facilitation process concluded on May 24 as was agreed to by all participants when the process began.

3. In that facilitation process, the University offered to amend its campus plan to include a lower projected enrollment increase and also offered not to add any students above its current cap until after the Southwest Quad project was brought on line. The representatives from Burleith and CAG did not accept the University's offer during facilitation.

4. The University's offer was its final attempt to reach agreement with the community and no purpose will be served by delay. It is now up to

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the representatives from Burleith and CAG as well as the representatives of the ANC and other community groups, to meet with their respective organizations and take action on what the University has proposed.

5. The University has made every effort to address and accommodate the community's concerns and this case is now ready to be heard.

6. In addition to the facilitation process, both CAG and Burleith have participated in the campus plan working group meetings which began in September, 1999, as well as the BZA quarterly meeting process, which has been ongoing since 1990. Thus, both organizations are fully familiar with the University's plans.

7. The University made clear during facilitation that it could not delay its case beyond the time frame that had been agreed to and to do so now would discourage future applicants from even entering into the process.

For the foregoing reasons, the University's respectfully requests that the Board deny the request for postponement and allow the case to go forward as scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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