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July 7, 2000

Ms. Jerrilyn R. Kress, Director, Office of Zoning
Government of the District of Columbia
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Dear Ms. Kress:

I understand that you will soon chair hearings on the revised Georgetown University Ten Year Plan. I am sure the Plan purports to be of great benefit to the City. I am also sure the Plan will not benefit the City, unless it contains specific actions and a timetable for construction of sufficient dormitory space to house all Georgetown University undergraduates on campus for all of their four undergraduate years. Anything less is unacceptable to me, and immediately surrounding neighborhoods, such as Burleith, where I lived as a home-owner, taxpayer, and voter for twenty-two years (1976-1998).

Throughout my residency in Burleith the issues of Georgetown University undergraduate presence, behavior, and noise were overriding all others, and were extremely stressful and vexing. In spite of numerous community initiatives over many years, no real improvements resulted during my twenty-two years in Burleith. In fact, general undergraduate disturbances became worse and more frequent in 1998, as I was preparing to move, so that from April until mid-October when I left Washington, I was wakened at least once on virtually every weekend. It was always the same university response, "Oh, we're sorry,....", "we'll speak to that house....", "we'll meet with them on Monday morning....", etc. Sometimes this "band-aid approach" worked, but just as frequently a call to the Police was a more effective remedy. Police presence did help, but only temporarily. On another night, another house, or houses, would be partying. Accompanying conditions included occasional threats to abutting neighbors, increased trash, general deterioration of property and back yards, increased traffic and parking problems, underage drinking in public and public defecation, damage to public property, including street signs, etc. While some student houses caused no problems, enough houses caused sufficient problems on a continuing basis to force me to reluctantly recognize that I could no longer continue to live in Burleith , where I had fully intended to live out my retirement years. Thus, I moved back to Massachusetts, where I grew up, following my retirement.

I was pleased to receive recognition from the neighborhood association and the DC Police for my work in helping to preserve "the peace of his neighbors" (see enclosed proclamation from the Burleith Citizens Association and my letter of thanks to an officer in the DC Police Department for two commendations from the Police - now in storage). How sad that I, and so many other citizens, members of the police force, and representatives of Georgetown University had to spend so much time on what should not have been any problem at all!

I urge you to take very seriously these comments, and those you will surely get from representatives from Burleith, and other surrounding neighborhoods. In fact, I recommend you and members of your staff visit Burleith - meet with members of the

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community, and allow time to be shown problem houses and the conditions in their yards and alley space. If you have any doubts about these issues, "Go to Burleith!"

You, and the D.C.Government, will be under great pressure to approve the Ten Year Plan as presented by Georgetown University. Do not be fooled by what the University will tell you. Remember, it pays no taxes, and is consequently without any financial, or other obligation, to the City and its citizens. While I recognize Georgetown is a great university as an academic institution, it has in my opinion failed in its fiduciary relationships with the home-owners, tax payers, and voters who live in this city, and who, incidentally, are the ones most concerned about the quality of life of all D.C. residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred B. Bigelow

Enclosures: a/s

cc: Mrs. Joseph ("Pat") Scolaro, President of the Burleith Citizens Association
1807 37th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007

BURLEITH

Be it resolved, that

Alfred Bigelow

In appreciation for his unstinting copious service over the course of many years;

In recognition of his keen eye for a bargain, his persistence with city bureaucrats, University officials, and recalcitrant partiers, and his ability to *get needed things done;*

In gratitude for his Longstanding Dedication of time and effort to us, his neighbors in Burleith;

For his Able Support of the annual Flea Market, both preserving it as a cherished neighborhood event and making money as well;

For his Long and Effective Service on the BCA Noise Committee, and for the sleepless nights he has continued to devote to preserving the peace of his neighbors

And for the many other reasons he has been an exceptional Burleith neighbor

Is hereby named to assume the post of Honorary

Towne Crier of Burleith

with all the Rights and Privileges appertaining to that rank
(such as they may be).

Further, we wish him a wonderful future in the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Affirmed on this **14th day of October 1998**
by the Assembly of the Burleith Citizens Association

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October 26, 1998

Lt. Patrick Burke
Police Second District
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Dear Pat:

What a surprise to receive two commendations from you and one from Bonnie Hardy at the most recent Burleith Citizens Association meeting!! I was completely surprised, and, in fact, speechless! What a send-off from Burleith on my last night in the community, for the next day was settlement on my house of twenty-two years, afterwhich I moved to the Wisconsin Avenue Holiday Inn for a few days before driving up here last Tuesday.

I very much appreciate these awards, and, of course your personal interest in the community.

Burleith and the surrounding communities are wonderful places to live. Community activism is strong - almost a fulltime job for some; for others, almost a crusade. But, what many beyond our borders do not appreicate is the fact that Washington, D.C. is a city of residential neighborhoods - wonderful neighborhoods to live in. Mine were wonderful years in Burleith. I will miss Washington, even though I may be equally comfortable here in retirement, where I am closer to family members.

The issue of student noise in Burleith, and elsewhere in the community, is a serious one. We have made some real progress, but somehow this issue is still not taken seriously by the university(ies). The contributions by you and your colleagues have been significant and are appreciated. It is however a tragedy that we have had to call the second District on so many occasions recently!

Many thanks to you and your staff. I know you will keep up the good work.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred B. Bigelow