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Chair and Board Members
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Case No. 16701, ANC-2A's Appeal of Zoning Administrator's Decisions on 1957 E Street NW (Square 122, Lot 834)

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

This letter is a formal request for party status in the above referenced case. As an ANC Commissioner representing Single Member District (SMD) 2A05 located in the Foggy Bottom/West End section of Ward 2, Square 122 borders my SMD. The decision by the Zoning Administrator to grant GWU construction permits at the above location violates all of the conditions that ANC-2A worked so very hard to have included in the Zoning Commission's (ZC) Order granting this PUD.

There was a 50% turnover in my ANC in the last election and the ANC cannot fully represent my SMD. I believe that because I have participated in the hearings on this case for the past ten years, my assistance is needed to help my Commission make its case. I was elected to protect my SMD from development that adversely affects the residents' quality of life. I objected strongly when the ZC approved the Association of General Contractors' (AGC's) 1997 request for an extension of time because a "for sale " sign had already been posted on the property.

My request is filed in opposition to the Zoning Administrator's decision because (1) the Mayor's Order 94-175s and the Section 738(d) of D.C. Code § 1-231(d) require that timely notice shall be given to each Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner of requested or proposed zoning changes, variances, public improvements, licenses or permits of significance to neighborhood planning and development within its commission area for review and comments and recommendation" (unscoring added). This means when a permit is requested, not after it is issued. ZA failed to do this; (2) the ZA was surely aware of the regulations and restrictions placed on Universities by the Campus Plan; (3) the ZA failed to relate the plans submitted by GWU to the conditions placed in the approved ZC Order Nos. 746 and 746A.

Being a member of the ANC Commission, though not authorized to speak for the Commission, I presume that I should make this request seven (7) days in advance of the hearing. If I am not correct, I request that you waive any further requirements and accept

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my request. ANC-2A is small and without staff support; and for over two years has been burdened with work on the GWU Campus Plan, as well as multiple requests for authorized construction in the area. My participation meets the test. of environmental, economic or social impacts that are likely to affect those I represent. I therefore ask that you accept my request for "Party Status"

Respectfully submitted,

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