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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

I support the decision of the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the George Washington University Ivory Tower residence hall on its Foggy Bottom Campus. The appeal filed by ANC 2A does not reflect the views of many of the residents of Foggy Bottom

Many of the residents appreciate the fact that establishments like Coggins Sandwich Shop, and other retail venues located on GW's campus, are not required to refuse services to those who are not affiliated with the university.

The food venues provide a useful service to the Foggy Bottom Community with no adverse impact on the use and enjoyment of neighboring property.

I have been a resident of Foggy Bottom for over twenty years and I amazed that an ANC commissioner would tell me that I cannot use a convenient store in my neighborhood. I think these stores should be open for everyone. Very few people from outside Foggy Bottom will use these stores because (a) there is very little parking, (b) only people who live in Foggy Bottom know about the stores, and (c) people from other areas can buy the same things where THEY live.

The convenience of having these stores and restaurants is a great asset to the neighborhood and the people who live here.

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