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Dear Sir/Madam:

I respectfully request your assistance in entering the following into the subject case file for consideration by the zoning board.

My name is Patrick A. Caldwell. I reside at 1697 31st Street NW and have been there since 1997. My house is two houses south and across the street from the subject property. During the past 27 years, my neighbors and I have had to endure thousands of yearly visitors to Dumbarton Oaks (Harvard University owned and applicant in the subject zoning case). We have had to put up with our residential parking being overtaken by visitors vehicles and busses for significant parts of the day and the traffic congestion that goes along with such an onslaught. I would have to say that the corner of 31st and R Streets NW, where the entrance to Dumbarton Oaks is located, is one of the more dangerous and congested intersections in the city, due in no small part to the number of people seeking access to the applicants property. Please see the following videos taken during Dumbarton Oaks open hours:

<https://ring.com/share/37bde408-2280-4420-ad69-1d9363f5737c>

<https://ring.com/share/eeeeea20c-9e7a-4702-8848-3f1d29110d8b>

<https://ring.com/share/86fdde64-70e3-449e-861f-9f99408e3910>

<https://ring.com/share/7858d149-030b-4a1d-836d-7fa2b5f48964>

<https://ring.com/share/496e1560-2742-43fb-942d-5b2728ffa8c2>

<https://ring.com/share/8eb9cf54-7dbc-4668-971d-0d65bd353741>

<https://ring.com/share/7acf8366-8a9c-4f51-be49-e6d41d34c630>

<https://ring.com/share/45204af7-95dd-452f-9031-171c13163723>

Busses double parking, cars nearly hitting each other -- an unsafe situation for all

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especially pedestrians. You will note that at no time during the congestion seen in these videos did anyone from Dumbarton Oaks come out, take charge and clear the situation. Bad neighbors!

Now, these same Bad Neighbors are asking that the house they purchased at 3100 R Street, just across from the entrance to Dumbarton Oaks, be zoned commercial for office space. This will only add to the already congested traffic situation, as those working in the building will be taking up more residential parking.

In the 27 years I have lived here, I can not recall, until the recent neighborhood uproar over their zoning request, any communication from Dumbarton Oaks/ Harvard about anything -- new construction, street closures around their property, parties/events. Tudor Place, on the other hand is most conscious about contacting neighbors when their programs might have some impact on the neighborhood.

Again, Bad Neighbors. Dumbarton Oaks/Harvard have owned 3100 R Street over two years. To my knowledge it is not occupied as a residence and has had little upkeep. Please see the photos below.

The DC Council set new residential tax rates for 2025. My property tax will most certainly increase. Does Dumbarton Oaks/Harvard pay any tax on 3011 R Street NW or any other residential properties they own in Georgetown? If they need office space, there is much available at Wisconsin and R Streets. Please do not turn our neighborhood into a commercial office zone at the request of an organization that brings little to the neighborhood save parking and traffic frustration for neighbors.





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