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Subject: OUC Public Safety 911 Radio Site - University of the District of Columbia 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW
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Attachments: [AN2400076 Antenna BZA memo for UDC 4200 Connecticut Ave NW rev 1.pdf](#)
[AN2400077 Antenna BZA memo for UDC 4200 Connecticut Ave NW rev 1.pdf](#)
[OP Recommendation OUC UDC.pdf](#)
[PS_PERM_BUILDING_PROD_20220217_v1rrrrBJHc_20240828_202332.pdf](#)
[OUC-mission 07-17-24-For UDC zoning submittal.pdf](#)
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Good morning Mr. Iglesias,

My name is Phil Gregory. I work with the Department of General Services (DGS) on various Public Safety projects, namely the relocation of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) 911 radio site from UDC Building 41 to Building 38 within the campus plaza at 4200 Connecticut Avenue. The purpose of this email is to enlist your support in our application for special exception to install public safety antennas on Building 38.

As mentioned, our project scope is to relocate an existing public safety radio site from the rooftop of Building 41 (Arts and Science Library) to Building 38 (School of Business and Public Administration). You will note that the picture below shows existing antennas on Building 41 in the background. Our project calls for identical antennas to be installed on Building 38 (foreground).



As it currently stands, Building 41, which houses the existing Public Safety 911 Communications site,

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is undergoing the abatement process in preparation for complete building demolition. As such, there is extreme urgency to remove the Public Safety equipment so demolition of Building 41 can begin. Improvements to Building 38 under permit B2408610 are about to be completed, however the installation of public safety antennas requires separate permits as they do not conform to zoning regulations. Working closely with DOB over the past several months, we recently received 2 referral memos for special exception (see attached), but to get a conditional approval, the Zoning Administrator is requesting your full support for the requested relief. In brief, the relief we are requesting solely covers the installation of a combination of four (4) 9-ft panel antennas and two (2) 20-ft omni antennas (similar to the ones on Building 41) with mounts attached to the inside of the screen wall (see pic below) and only the antennas will be visible over the wall.



Since Public Safety antennas are generally taller than Wireless Carriers antennas there is no option to reduce the height to achieve the desired system coverage for 911 emergency response, which is why we are submitting a BZA application (Temporary Case #:BZATmp4548) for the project. While we do not yet have a date for the BZA hearing, your support will help clear the way for a conditional approval by the Zoning Administrator.

As part of our request for your assistance please find the following supporting documentation:

1. BZA referral memos for a special exception to antenna height zoning regulations
2. Office of Planning recommendation for the approval of the antennas
3. Office of Unified Communications in support of the relocation of the radio site
4. Building 38 construction permit

Please let me know if there's anything else I should provide that will assist in supporting our request for a conditional approval.

Sincerely,

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