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Mr. Alberto Bastida
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Dear Sir:

In 1990 5A Advisory Neighborhood Commission was invited by the Catholic University of America to identify two representatives to participate on its campus plan drafting committee. The Catholic University of America was then located within the boundaries of the ANC-5A and a part of Single Member District 5A-06. The commissioner for SMC-5A-06 was Mary Baird Currie who was therefore, the CUA community campus plan representative along with Dino Drudi, Michigan Park Citizens Association member. The ANC-5A community as a result of the partnership was able to effectively deal with the concerns and issues of the neighborhood and achieve community support for the campus plan. The university's impact on the 5A Brookland community territory has been evident in highly publicized incidents and in community problem solving meetings with the Universities students and representatives. ANC-5A has, therefore, been troubled by the University's refusal to involve and include representation from the 5A Brookland community.

At the January 2002 ANC community meeting and after several communications to the president of CUA requesting that the 5A-ANC community participate on the campus plan committee, all of were in vain, ANC-5A officially recorded its vote OPPOSING the CUA Campus Plan. The issues of concern were adequate on-campus housing, university exercising disciplinary jurisdiction over its students' off-campus misbehavior and assuring appropriate consideration for community sites. We CANNOT SUPPORT the campus plan unless it unequivocally commits to the university providing a sufficient amount of attractive, affordable on-campus housing for all juniors and seniors who desire to live on campus. Fortunately, most of the freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus.

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If there are questions of concerns they may be directed to Mary Baird Currie, Commissioner 5A-06. Further, we will work closely with the city wide task force involving university-impacted neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Mary Baird Currie
Commissioner, 5A-06

Norma M. Broadnax
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cc: Mayor Williams
Councilmember Orange
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