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September 18, 2002

Chairperson Carol Mitten
Government of the District of Columbia
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220
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Attention: Paul Hart, Secretary

RE: Resolution in Support of Approval of the Catholic University of America Campus Plan – Zoning Commission Case. No. 02-20.

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

This letter is written to formally and respectfully request that the D.C. Zoning Commission waive the "seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's" pursuant to 11 DCMR 3307.1, in order that the attached report may become a part of the official record in the above-referenced case.

We thank you in advance for your favorable response to our request for a waiver of the seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's; indeed, we trust that you will give the attached an opportunity to receive the "great weight" to which it is entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

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By Fax and Regular Mail

Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Room 220
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Re: Resolution in Support of Approval of the Catholic University of America Campus Plan
Zoning Commission Case No. 02-20

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Commission Members:

On Tuesday, September 17, 2002, an official and duly noticed meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C was held and a quorum was present. At this meeting, ANC 5C took up the item of Zoning Commission Case No. 02-20, the Campus Plan of the Catholic University of America. ANC 5C voted unanimously to recommend approval by the Zoning Commission of The Catholic University of America Campus Plan. The Catholic University is a valuable member of our community.

For the following reasons, ANC 5C believes that the proposed Campus Plan will cause no adverse impact on the surrounding community:

Limited Development. The proposed Campus Plan proposes very limited development over the next ten years, and it proposes much less development than was approved in the previous Campus Plan. Also, adequate parking is proposed, as well as traffic improvements. Accordingly, there will be no adverse impacts relating to traffic and parking.

No Change in Campus Boundaries. Catholic University's boundaries have not expanded at all since the last Campus Plan, and the proposed plan contemplates no expansion. Catholic University has been content to stay with in its historic boundaries, while still increasing the amount of open green space on its property.

No Change in the Student Enrollment Cap. The proposed Campus Plan proposes no change from the previously approved student enrollment cap, and the enrollment is currently

lower than it was at the time the previous Campus Plan was approved. Accordingly, there will be no adverse impacts relating to the number of students.

Housing. Catholic University has adequate housing on campus to protect the community. The University has also been very successful in addressing concerns of the neighborhood regarding off-campus housing for University students. The University has very aggressive policies regarding off-campus student conduct. ANC 5C was pleased to support the recent construction of two large dormitory buildings which has allowed the University to provide highly desirable housing options for its students.

Community. Catholic University has shown great enthusiasm in working with the surrounding community in many areas, specifically regarding this Campus Plan. ANC 5C feels very comfortable with Catholic University as a neighbor and a partner in the CUA/Brookland Community. Representatives of ANC 5C participated extensively in the campus planning process. In addition, the University has reached out to all affected neighbors. There have been many open meetings and extensive opportunities for community input.

ANC 5C also strongly supports the Catholic University of America because of its contributions to its community. Following are some examples:

- University students and staff, every year, contribute over 40,000 hours of public service to the District of Columbia.

- The University has programs that include helping adult learners develop skills to secure employment, successfully attend college, and complete certificate or bachelor degrees.

- The University plans to establish a new clinic in the Brookland area, where students will assist faculty in providing mental health services for children.

- The Brookland-CUA Neighborhood Improvement Partnership is an alliance that brings together neighborhood and University members whose interests and talents are focused on beautifying public spaces, improving area signage, and providing other pleasant, visible elements to reinforce neighborhood identity.

- The University, along with Garden Resources of Washington (GROW), uses part of its campus to cultivate plants for neighborhood beautification, to grow fresh vegetables for the community and a local food bank, and to support the popular neighborhood hobby of gardening in a community-building setting.

- The University is very environmentally conscious, from using clean wind power to reduce pollution, planting trees on campus, increasing open space, and updating mechanical equipment.

- The University's Law School operates a legal aid clinic that focuses on reducing domestic violence and provides advocacy for the poor and elderly.

- The Music School sponsors concerts for the community.

- The Nursing School sponsors an annual health fair for the community.

- The Psychology Department offers assessment and therapy services to local families through its Center for Child Services.

- The University also operates the Children's Education Center, a day care facility available to the Brookland community.

- The University is a tremendous boost to the economy of the Brookland area and the District in general.

For all the above reasons, ANC 5C strongly supports the Catholic University of America and strongly recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Campus Plan. We appreciate the Board's consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

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SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Approval of the Catholic University of America Campus Plan – Zoning Commission Case No. 2-20.

This matter is to be considered by the Zoning Commission on tomorrow evening, September 19, 2002. Therefore, please hand-deliver to Chairperson Mitten, upon arrival. Thanks!

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