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Case # 02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

Zoning Commissioners:

As concerned residents and alumni of Georgetown University and George Washington University, we write to you in support of the proposed Georgetown University Boathouse.

The Potomac waterfront has been a victim of neglect for far too long. Washington, DC is a city on a river, and access to the river should be encouraged. The DC Zoning Commission must recognize the benefits of a "Boathouse Row" of the type seen in our contemporary cities such as Philadelphia and Boston, and act to actively encourage such development.

We understand that the Georgetown Boathouse has already been presented and approved by the local ANC, the Old Georgetown Board, the Commission of Fine Arts and the Georgetown Waterfront Commission.

We also understand that the proposed land-swap with the National Park Service entails Georgetown University giving up an equivalent parcel of land which is located in the Palisades area, as well as a one-mile right of way along the current path of the Capital Crescent Bike Trail. We applaud the land-swap, and believe that termination of the right of way should be heralded as a victory for environmentalists.

In addition to the environmental benefits of the land-swap, we also believe the proposed site is ideal based on its location near Potomac Boat Club and the Canoe Club. By clustering the boat houses, you lend to the creation of a scenic and vibrant waterfront.

The Georgetown boathouse will add to the use and enjoyment of the Potomac and beautify the Georgetown waterfront. Responsible development of the Potomac waterfront is your duty, and we believe that the Georgetown University Boathouse is the type of facility that will evidence that you fulfilled that duty.

Please approve the Georgetown University Boathouse.

Very truly yours,

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Please find a letter in support of the Georgetown University Boathouse.

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