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Carol Mitten
Chair, DC Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW #210 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case # 02-30 - Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Commission:
As a member of the Georgetown Waterfront Commission since its founding, a former ANC member and chair (whose Single Member District included the Georgetown Waterfront), and a 15-year resident of Georgetown, I am writing in support of the above application for the following reasons:

- Membership in The Georgetown Waterfront Commission is open to the public, and announcements of all meetings, with subject matter, are published in the local newspapers. Members of the commission include residents, including those living closest to the park; people interested in the historic significance of the site; bikers; boaters; and parents of young children, to name a few.

- The commission has been working for five years, meeting at least bi-monthly, to analyze, discuss and modify plans for the park, to include which activities members of the community hope to pursue there, where such activities should take place, and the design of the park. There has been ample opportunity for participation in that process by anyone who wishes to become involved.

- As a result, the location and design of the Georgetown University boathouse has been thoroughly discussed and approved. The site is within the boundaries set by the Commission and the National Park Service, and the sensitive design has received approvals from the Georgetown ANC, the Old Georgetown Board and the full Fine Arts Commission, trhe Historic Preservation Review Board and the C & O Canal Commission.

- The new boathouse is sorely needed. When it is completed, Thompson's boathouse can be utilized by the high school rowers, who desperately need space, as well as individuals.

I urge the Zoning Commission to approve this application.

Yours most sincerely,

Jonda McFarlane

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