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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
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RE: Party Status Request: Case 16566 (02-32), Georgetown University Performing Arts Center

Madame Chair:

This is to supplement our letter of January 2, 2003 requesting party status in the above referenced application. It has come to our attention that more information is required. With this letter we hope to fulfill that obligation.

The Burleith neighborhood is located just north of historic Georgetown. We are a small community made up of approximately 550 townhouses with the Hillandale and Glover Park communities to our west and north; Wisconsin Avenue on the east and Georgetown University on the south. Over the years, the Burleith Citizens Association, which was organized over 75 years ago, has represented the community with issues dealing with quality of life and the stability of our neighborhood. Without question, the greatest impact on our neighborhood has come from Georgetown University. Because of our proximity to the campus, we are particularly impacted by both University activities and by the large number of students who live in our neighborhood. Burleith has always housed approximately 500 undergraduate students which does not include the non-traditional undergraduates and the graduate students. In the Burleith Citizens Association's most recent history, we participated in a residential overlay district process with the Zoning Commission and with the Board of Zoning Adjustment, we had party status in the University campus plan process of 2000-2010. Also, our past two presidents, Bonnie Hardy and Patricia Scolaro have represented the Burleith Citizens Association in the ALL meetings which deal with town/gown relations.

As stated in our January 2nd letter, the University's lack of compliance with Condition 14 is what we want to address. This condition, which deals with out of state cars, was the

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Board of Zoning Adjustment's response to Burleith's testimony that our community was changing from single family homes with a one car garage and being replaced by group houses with parking pads housing three to four out of state cars. It was concern about large numbers of out-of-state cars brought in by students that led to the Council passing the special exception that eliminated the student eligibility for reciprocity in ANC 2E. Responding to widespread public concern the police have a special initiative to combat the problem of out-of-state scofflaws in our area. The police have limited their activity, however, to vehicles parked in public space. The BZA recognized that the University had the ability to go beyond that and called on them in condition 14 to insist on responsible behavior by their students which we feel has not taken place.

As stated before, Burleith Citizens Association will not be represented by counsel. Instead, Bonnie Hardy will be presenting the testimony with evidence from the minutes of the ALL meetings and her own neighborhood out of state car tabulation. We do hope that party status will be granted.

Again, thank you for your attention and consideration and for allowing Burleith to file this supplemental letter.

Sincerely,

Ed Solomon
President, Burleith Citizens Association