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TO: Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia

FROM: Cynthia Giordano and Nathan W. Gross, AICP

RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 02-32
Georgetown University Performing Arts Center

In our letter to the Zoning Commission of January 13, 2003, one of the letters referenced as being attached was inadvertently left off. It is attached herewith.

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Associate Dean of Students

Ray Kukulski
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Citizens Association of Georgetown
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Dear Ray:

As the University official directly responsible for the issues raised in your letter of November 13th to Dr. DeGioia, I have been asked by him to respond.

Since the creation of the Off Campus Student Life (OCSL) office more than ten years ago, Georgetown University has taken numerous steps to address the concerns of our neighbors. The establishment of a Community Hotline, a mandatory community education program for students, University representation at local civic groups and the periodic publication of an off campus newsletter: all of these reflect the University's commitment to educating our students to be responsible members of this community.

In addition, in compliance with the BZA Order in connection with our 2000 Campus Plan, in just the past two years we have added a full-time Student Affairs professional to our staff, expanded Hotline coverage to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, established the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) which works as an on-site response effort in conjunction with the weekend Hotline, formed the Alliance for Local Living which, in cooperation with the Jesuit Community, meets monthly with numerous members of the community thus providing an opportunity for open dialogue and follow-up by the University on matters of concern to the community. In addition, we also strengthened sanctions for violations of the Code of Conduct and implemented a vigorous educational effort to inform our students about their responsibilities as citizens of the District, with particular emphasis on their obligation to register their motor vehicles.

I take strong exception to your statement that "relations are at a four-year low." In fact, many of the issues you raise, are concerns discussed and addressed at the monthly ALL meetings. For example, in response to concerns raised at ALL meetings about LXR, our Public Safety officers are now detailed at LXR every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night from 10PM-3AM. In addition, the University does canvas the communities of West Georgetown and Burleith on a weekly basis and issues warnings to student houses,

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giving them 24 hours to clean up any trash violations. I would be happy to discuss this program further at the next ALL meeting. In addition, this semester alone, my office has sponsored two community clean-ups, one in Burleith and the other in West Georgetown. In each instance, we worked closely with the relevant neighborhood association, including CAG and your executive director Elizabeth Miller. In addition, several student groups have joined together to participate in the District's Adopt-A-Block program, committing to periodic maintenance of two blocks in West Georgetown.

With respect to late night noise on Prospect Street, our Public Safety officers have worked closely with MPD and the community on this matter. In fact, the University has provided cell phones for MPD officers so that neighbors can call them directly rather than go through the routine MPD 911 dispatch system.

Regarding the reciprocity issue, as you know from the ALL meetings, in conjunction with the OCSL Community Education Program, we informed all undergraduate students living off campus of their obligation to comply with the District law regarding car registration. At that time, we provided students with a DC vehicle registration packet. Students who indicated they were keeping a motor vehicle in the District that was registered elsewhere have been sent a follow-up letter reminding them of their responsibility to comply with local vehicle registration requirements and that failure to comply with District law is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. In addition, our Department of Public Safety informs MPD of reports received by the community of alleged violations. I have also written a letter to the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles offering to consult with her on this matter, as required by the BZA Order.

Perhaps most importantly, there is a new awareness among our students of their responsibility to be thoughtful and responsible citizens both within and beyond Healy Gates. As an educational institution, Georgetown University is committed to educating our students to engage their minds in the classroom and to be good citizens in the community. It is important to realize that we do this in full cooperation with our community partners who have specific jurisdictional responsibilities such as MPD, DMV, and DPW. I am proud of the efforts of so many of our students who offer their services to the community and the city as well as to partner with agencies and civic leaders who want to work with us productively to address concerns that arise.

Finally, with University projects about to come on line or in the process of development, we are making every effort to make the campus one that has a variety of on-campus student activities. The SW Quadrangle due to come on line in Fall 2003 will add nearly 800 new beds on campus and bring the total number of available beds on campus to nearly 90% of our traditional undergraduates. The Performing Arts Center, which will be before the Zoning Commission later this week, will provide an on-campus venue for students to write, direct, and produce performances that will be offered on- campus as well as to neighboring communities.

While I acknowledge that work remains to be done, I strongly believe that the University works extremely hard to address the concerns of our neighbors and, as a result, tremendous progress has been made through the work we have done together. Continued progress rests on the cooperation and good will of all of us. I trust you know how deeply committed Georgetown is and will remain to this.

Sincerely,

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January 02, 2003

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

Madam Chair:

It has come to our attention that the Burleith Citizens Association needs to reapply for party status to the above -referenced application that has been scheduled for a January 16, 2003 hearing. Because of weather conditions this hearing date was changed from December 5, 2002.

As stated before, the Burleith Citizens Association was a party to the Georgetown University campus plan proceedings before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. It is our position that we should retain party status for any consideration by the Zoning Commission of further development under the BZA-approved campus plan; in this case the Performing Arts Center. We request the opportunity to appear at this hearing and participate as a party. Although we do not oppose this particular project, we do feel that Georgetown University is in non-compliance of the Campus Plan and therefore oppose the further processing of this application. .

The Burleith community has many Georgetown University students living in the neighborhood and some of us have been actively involved in monthly meetings with the University in the A.T.I. group that was established to facilitate town/gown relations. At the January 16 hearing a community member will testify on the University's lack of compliance with Condition 14 of the BZA Order (car registration) which has a financial impact on our cash - strapped city and on our high insurance rates those of us pay who have a District registered car. This testimony will take no more than five minutes, excluding any questions that might arise. Also, we will be available to comment on testimony and evidence that might be given by our fellow community organizations also requesting party status.

Thank you for your attention and your consideration

Sincerely,

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