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D.C. Zoning Commission
Washington, DC attn: Sharon Sandy

Dear Sir:

I am writing to record my opposition to Georgetown University's application for an arts center. My opposition is based on the university's flagrant disregard of local zoning laws, by housing students in the local community who, weekly (and sometimes daily) break the local ordinances on noise, trash disposal and disorderly conduct which are suitable to a R-3 residential neighborhood.

I have called the university hot-line at least a dozen times since Jan. 1, 2003. I have not kept a record of these complaints, mostly about 12 midnight - 4 AM noise as the university has promised to record these calls. On all these calls, I have requested Jean Ford, employed by the university to deal with student conduct, to call me back. No calls have been returned since Jan. 1!

I live on perhaps the worst student-occupied block in Georgetown, between 33rd and Bank on Prospect. I have lived in my house for 42 years and frankly, the situation

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seems worse since September than any year I can recall. The students seem louder, more arrogant and flagrant in their violations of local zoning laws than any past year.

I have pleaded for a constant patrol of Prospect and adjoining streets Thurs.-Sat. 12AM-4AM. by the university security people. I have gotten exactly nowhere. The fact that these abuses go on and on illustrates the university's inability to control its own students and their disregard of local laws. The university should not be granted any approvals or exceptions by the Zoning Comission until these past and present abuses are put right.

Sincerely,

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