Government of the District of Columbia
ZONING COMMISSION

September 24, 2003

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Cynthia A. Giordano, Esq.
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: ZC Case No. 02-32 (Georgetown University Performing Arts Center) Return of April 9, 2003 Letter

Dear Mr. Gross and Ms. Giordano:

The record in the above-cited application was closed at the conclusion of the public hearing on January 16, 2003, except for specific information requested by the Zoning Commission (Commission) at a subsequent decision meeting. On April 9, 2003, the Office of Zoning (OZ) received the attached letter from you, including a request that the Commission reopen the case record to allow the letter into the record. The Commission had not requested the information contained in the letter and did not act on your request to reopen the record to accept the letter. For this reason, the OZ is returning your letter to you.

Please call Sharon S. Schellin on (202) 727-6311, if you have any questions relevant to the foregoing.

**SINCERELY,**

**JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA**
**Director, Office of Zoning**

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Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission,

Georgetown University respectfully requests that the record in the captioned case be reopened to allow this letter to be included. The University received the post-hearing submission of Ms. Barbara Zartman on behalf of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, dated March 31, 2003. The letter contains a number of inaccuracies about the University's enrollment that the University feels compelled to correct, as discussed below. While there are other misstatements in her letter, the ones mentioned herein are simply too misleading to let stand.

Ms. Zartman's submission states that in fiscal year 2000, the University was over the enrollment cap. The University, as stated in earlier submissions, has never been over the enrollment cap. In the 2000 campus plan case, the University reported that the averaged enrollment number for FY 2000 (fall 1999/spring 2000) was 5516. Ms. Zartman inaccurately refers to 5516 as the number for the spring semester only, when it was actually the averaged enrollment number for the entire fiscal year. The FY 2000 number of 5516 was given verbally and in writing to the community by the University Registrar at a community meeting in April 2000, which was devoted exclusively to the enrollment numbers and how they were derived. The handout given to the community at that meeting contained a chart captioned "FY 2000 Undergraduate Enrollment" and the number shown as the "Average Traditional Full Time" enrollment was 5515.5, or 5516 when rounded up. The handout was made part of the record of the 2000 campus plan case, and was attached to Ms. Zartman's submission. (See Exhibit A.)

Ms. Zartman's letter goes on to say that "our records indicate the fall 1999 semester enrollment was 5840." This is incorrect. The 5840 number was the fall 2000 traditional enrollment number, not the fall 1999 number. This number was given to the community and the BZA in response to specific questions raised at the BZA campus plan hearing in 2000. (See pertinent pages in Exhibit B, attached.)

Ms. Zartman then proceeds to average the already averaged FY 2000 enrollment number of 5516 with the fall semester number for the next fiscal year (FY 2001), to arrive at a figure of 5728, which she states is 101 over the cap. Not only is the math

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wrong, but she has used two different sets of numbers from two different fiscal years to come up with her inaccurate averaged number for FY 2000. Every number presented in paragraph 2 of her enrollment piece is wrong and misleading.

The University stands on its previous submissions which clearly demonstrate that the University has been averaging its enrollment numbers for many years, and that the averaging methodology was fully discussed and disclosed to both the community and the BZA.

The University appreciates the Zoning Commission's consideration of this request to correct the inaccuracies in Ms. Zartman's letter.

Respectfully submitted,
ARNOLD & PORTER

Nathan W. Gross, AICP

Cynthia A. Giordano

Attachments

Cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E
Cloisters in Georgetown
Burleith Citizens Association
Citizens Association of Georgetown

# EXHIBIT A

Attachment I

## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FY 2000 ENROLLMENTS

**Fall 1999 Graduate Enrollment***

| Graduate Course FT Headcount | Graduate Course PT Headcount | Graduate Thesis Research Headcount | Graduate Continuous Registration Headcount | Graduate Total Headcount | Graduate Financial FTE | Medical Headcount & FTE | Total FFTE & Headcount |
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| 1699 | 624 | 473 | 44 | 2840 | 1869 | 720 | 2589 |

* Graduate School, School for Summer and Continuing Education, School of Medicine

**FY 2000 Undergraduate Enrollment**

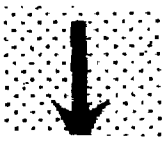


**EXHIBIT B**

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October 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Georgetown University Campus Plan**
**BZA Application No. 16566**

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board:

At its September 5, 2000 public meeting, the Board postponed a decision on the above-referenced case pending receipt of additional information from the Applicant. The specific information requested by the Board is described in detail in the Applicant's point by point response chart with attached exhibits. With this filing, the Applicant trusts that it has fully responded to the Board's request for additional information and that the application can be approved by the Board at its November 8, 2000 public meeting. Both the University and MedStar have critical projects that are awaiting the decision of the Board before moving forward.

With the filing of these additional materials, the University believes that it has fully addressed the issue of impacts from its students off campus so as to enable the Board to approve the increase in enrollment. Specifically, the attached materials demonstrate that even prior to the Board's decision meeting of September 5th, the University had begun implementation of its new off campus housing program. The message had been sent to all students by President O'Donovan and University staff were already taking the proactive measures proposed in the new program, including student orientation, dissemination of information on the changes to its Code of Conduct, as well as the University absorbing the cost of private trash collection to ensure that the moving in of students at the start of the fall semester would not adversely impact the community.

One of the primary goals of this campus plan and, indeed, the focus of the University's efforts, is to re-center student life on campus. For that reason, the plan proposes the creation of new on campus spaces for student activities including the new Performing Arts Center, the McDonough Arena and the Harbin Field redesign, as well as other recreation areas for informal student use. Each of these projects will soon be

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| Identify how the school's Board of Review operates. | • As evidenced by the attached letter, the University's Board of Directors is behind this program 100 percent and is committed to providing the resources needed to ensure its successful implementation. (Exhibit P)<br>• This commitment will survive any change in leadership and will ensure that the program continues as an obligation of the institution. |
| Provide an up-to-date count of traditional students, professional students, foreign students, etc. | • The following updates the information already provided in Appendix E to the Campus Plan:<br>➢ The Fall enrollment number of traditional full-time undergraduate students is 5880. This compares with last year's Fall enrollment number of 5744. Fall and Spring enrollment are averaged to reflect the academic year. Historically, Spring numbers range from 6 – 10% less than Fall numbers due to students studying abroad, mid-year graduation, withdrawals, etc. When the projected Spring numbers are averaged with the Fall number, the projection is 5603 which is less than the projection of 5677 previously included in Appendix E to the plan.<br>➢ Excluded from traditional full-time student numbers are 188 non-traditional students, such as veterans, students over the age of 25, commuters.<br>➢ The graduate number is 2,467 FFTE which is less than last year's 2,589 in Appendix E of the Campus Plan |
| Have the Student Council address how it intends to reach out to students who have disciplinary problems. | • The Georgetown University Student Association (GUSA) will be separately filing its own response to the BZA.<br>• Student representatives were included in the University Task Force, which developed this program. (Exhibit C)<br>• Additionally, the new Vice President for Student Affairs – Dr. Juan Gonzalez – has met on several occasions with student representatives to review the changes and to obtain the student community's input. |
| Identify how helicopter flights will be monitored to ensure that they are used exclusively for medical emergencies. | • MedStar coordinates and monitors the helicopter transports and must have the discretion to provide for transport based on the health needs of the patients.<br>• The helipad is used for trauma and transplant patients as well as other types of patients, primarily cardiac and neuro-patient transports.<br>• In the Campus Plan case, it was estimated that usage would be approximately 12 trips per week. Since July 1, the total number of transports has been 23. |



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