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District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW  
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**Re: Gallaudet University--Case No. 03-02A**

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

I would like to express my full support of Gallaudet University's proposal to convert Denison House, a historic home on Gallaudet's faculty row, from administrative use to residential use. I am familiar with the University's plan to adapt the use of this building into a residential College House designed for honor students who are engaged in self-developed interdisciplinary programs. The University's plan will invite teams of students the opportunity to compete for the privilege to live in Denison House, which will be occupied by up to 12 students and a faculty advisor each year. It is an exciting and innovative concept, and I offer my full support to the University.

Additionally, I am aware that this program will require an amendment to Gallaudet University's Campus Plan and further processing under the Campus Plan to allow this use conversion to occur.

Gallaudet University's presentations to community stakeholders regarding this exciting project have been met with enthusiasm and support. This project has received full support from the Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC), as well as ANC5B. Thank you for your consideration to this exciting project in Ward 5.

Sincerely,

Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr  
Ward 5 Councilmember

cc: Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, Gallaudet University President

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