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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
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Case No. 03-17
Howard University

Dear Chairman Mitten:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 7, 2003 (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of eight of eleven members was present) ANC1B voted unanimous (8-0-0) support for the application of Howard University for a special exception under Section 210 to replace the building known as Bethune Hall and located at premises 2255 4th Street, NW (Square 3068, Part of Lot 30). There were no objections to the siting, massing, use or design of the proposed replacement building. ANC1B also noted the support of the LeDroit Park Civic Association for this application. There were no objections to the intention to turn a portion of College Street at the northern edge of the site to predominately pedestrian use. Commissioners did, however, find the applicant's overview of traffic and parking suspect. Within the strict definitions of this application Howard University will be required to identify and add two parking spaces, while the current Master Plan shows a surplus of 865 spaces. Commissioners bordering the Howard University campus stated that there is no community recognition of a surplus in parking, and that Howard University should be exploring increased parking in any amendment to the existing campus master plan. Section 210.2 requires that "Use as a college or university shall be located so that it is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, number of students, or other objectionable conditions." Commissioners did indicate that traffic and parking concerns are rising to the level of objectionable conditions, and that the University should be addressing these community concerns.

ANC1B request that the Zoning Commission give great weight to our endorsement of this application.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Thomas, Chairperson

Philip C. Spalding, Secretary
Box 73710, Washington, DC 20056

CC: Howard University

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Exhibit 13

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