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By Hand Delivery

Ms. Carol Mitten
Chairperson, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 03-29: Application of The George Washington University for Consolidated PUD at 2025 F Street, N.W. (Square 103, Lot 817)

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

Attached please find an original and 20 copies of the response of the applicant The George Washington University to the letter of Ron Cocome, President of the Foggy Bottom Association, dated March 1, 2004. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned at 202-663-8000.

Sincerely,

Ashleigh D. Horne

Attachment

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
Case 03-29
Exhibit 54

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.03-29
EXHIBIT NO.54

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 4th day of March, 2004, the foregoing was served by hand delivery on the following:

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OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

March 3, 2004

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Re: Z.C. Case No 03-29: Application of The George Washington University for Consolidated PUD at 2025 F Street, N.W.

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am the Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research for The George Washington University, and in this capacity head the office charged with the responsibility for recording and tracking the numbers of students who attend the University. I have reviewed the letter of Ron Cocome, President of the Foggy Bottom Association, dated March 1, 2004, in which he cites various "statistics" for the proposition that GW has violated the BZA imposed student head count cap of 20,000 for the Foggy Bottom Campus. The data he sites, to the extent I recognize the sources, do not support his conclusion – and indeed his conclusion is false.

The cap on student enrollment was set in Condition 8 of the BZA Foggy Bottom Campus Order, Application No. 16553, dated March 29, 2001. What Mr. Cocome fails to realize is that the cap – 20,000 headcount and 16,553 full time equivalent – is a limit on the number of students on the Foggy Bottom Campus. It does not include students enrolled at the Mount Vernon Campus (for which the BZA set a different cap in a separate campus plan zoning order), nor students on campuses in Virginia and other sites. The data Mr. Cocome cites in his points numbered 2 through 4 from the Office of Institutional Research website are clearly labeled "unduplicated headcount". This count includes students who are taking classes at the Loudoun County, Virginia Campus, and at other off-campus locations such as Capitol Hill, Alexandria, Arlington, Hampton, VA, as well as on submarines.

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Mr. Cocome cites other sources in his letter, but since these cites are not dated -- nor in the case of the student newspaper, the Hatchet, authoritative – it is difficult to respond to these citations. Mr. Cocome might have cited the "on campus" web pages that OIR maintains. Even these data, however, are not limited to the Foggy Bottom Campus since they contain (as clearly stated in a footnote) students from the Mount Vernon Campus. In addition, this enrollment includes students who are not physically on the campus while "enrolled," but are in fact away for the entire reporting period in study abroad programs. For the purpose of the zoning order, we count only students who are physically present on the Foggy Bottom Campus.

For the current semester, Spring 2004, GW has a headcount of 17,788 on the Foggy Bottom Campus, and an FTE of 15,104 – far below the caps mandated by the BZA.

Sincerely,

Margaret K Cohen

Margaret K. Cohen
Assistant Vice President for Instutional Research