FOGGY BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION

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Washington, DC 20037

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November 24, 2004

Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Party Status re Modification of Condition 10 of the George Washington University (GWU) Campus Plan, ZC Case No. 04-23 -- The Hall on Virginia Avenue (HOVA) -- Hearing December 2, 2004

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

This letter supersedes the November 22, 2004, Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) letter requesting Party Status in that we now find we must ask that (1) Zoning Commission rules be waived to admit this late filing, (2) additional information is required to obtain Party Status, and (3) clarification as to representation must also be submitted prior to the December 2 hearing.

(1) We regret the delay in submitting FBA's request for Party Status. We are all volunteers and not so familiar with the rules of the Zoning Commission as we should be. We ask that you waive the filing deadline and accept this submission, which is presented in good faith on behalf of the Foggy Bottom/ West End (FB/WE) residential community.

(2) The FBA is a neighborhood association comprised of almost 500 residents of FB/WE, an area abutting the George Washington University campus and throughout which GWU students live in apartments, rental housing and various properties owned or leased by the University for student use in that there is insufficient housing on campus to accommodate GWU's ever increasing enrollment.

Current, taxpaying, home-owning permanent residents of FB/WE are severely and directly affected by the sheer number of students living outside campus boundaries and in the neighborhood, and by the diverging life styles, work habits and bed times of two dissimilar generations.

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In particular, the students at HOVA are several blocks from academic/administrative/support campus facilities and are constantly moving through the community at all hours to attend classes, appointments, meals, sports events and make use of numerous campus facilities and amenities.

(3) It is of continuing aggravation to the permanent residents of the community that GWU has not abided by and is not abiding by the Zoning Commission Order on the Campus Plan to place its freshmen and sophomores on campus now and to house all students on campus by September 2006.

The bylaws of the FBA proclaim its mission as:

> "...to further the civic, cultural, social and economic welfare of the Foggy Bottom/West End community; preserve and enhance the residential character of the community, and promote historic preservation in the area."

To fulfill this mission and in light of the particulars presented above, if granted status, the FBA will appear as an opponent to any modification of Condition 10, and will be represented by the law firm of Thompson, O'Donnell, Markham, Norton & Hannon, 1212 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Sincerely,

Ron Cocome
President

cc: J. Michael Hannon, Esq.