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Chairperson Carol J. Mitten
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RE: **Case No. 04-25 (The Catholic University of America – West Campus)**

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

This letter is written to formally and respectfully request that the D.C. Zoning Commission waive the "seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's" pursuant to 11 DCMR 3307.1, in order that the attached report may become a part of the official record in the above-referenced case. It was my original intention to present the report of ANC 5C to the Zoning Commission in person; however, an unanticipated and competing professional obligation will preclude me from doing so.

We thank you in advance for our favorable response to our request for a waiver of the seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's; indeed, we trust that the attached report will be given a chance to receive the "great weight" to which it is entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

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Dear Chairperson Mitten:

I write to inform you that the officers and members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C (ANC 5C) met on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at its regular monthly meeting to consider, among other issues, the above-referenced case. For the record, please note that this meeting was held at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, 1301 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.; that the public was given timely and appropriate notice of the date, location and hours of the meeting; and that a quorum of our membership was present and voting at the time that a decision was made concerning the issue.

Specifically, Carl Petchik, Facilities Director at The Catholic University of America, and CUA's legal representative, Allison Prince, Esq., made a presentation of the applicant's plans at this meeting, essentially, suggesting that CUA's proposal would have no adverse impact upon the surrounding community, if allowed to be implemented by the Zoning Commission. Although a number of probing questions about their plans were put to Ms. Prince and Mr. Petchik by members of ANC 5C, there was no opposition to the applicant's proposed plans expressed by those neighborhood residents who were in attendance at the meeting and, to date, we have not been made aware of any opposition to this project from members of the community-at-large.

In short, we do not find the low-density, interim uses proposed by the CUA for its West Campus (i.e., a pavilion for outdoor performances and event field, an unpaved cross-country track, an environmental research area, two areas of spiritual repose, a maintenance truck and material storage structure, and temporary housing units) to be inconsistent with the CUA Campus Plan nor the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.* In addition, it does not appear that their proposed plans for their West Campus would have an adverse impact upon the surrounding community in any way that we could determine. Of course, we assume that there will be no materials stored or used in the environmental research area that would be harmful to

the students and faculty members on campus nor to the members of the surrounding community, if wasted or improperly disposed of.

In light of the preceding, we encourage you to give The Catholic University of America the special relief that it is requesting in the instant case. If you have any questions about the position of ANC 5C on this matter and/or the contents of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at (202) 824-2803, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or at (202) 387-8520 during the evening hours.

On behalf of the officers and members of ANC 5C, I thank you in advance for seriously considering our position concerning this case and for giving our views on the matter the "great weight" to which they are entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
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cc: Members, ANC 5C

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This case is being heard by the Zoning Commission this evening. Therefore, please hand-deliver to Chairperson Mitten upon receipt. Thanks!

It was my original intention to present this testimony at tonight's hearing in person, but an unanticipated and competing professional obligation will force me to miss it.

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