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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 04-25
EXHIBIT NO. 30

DATE: April 13, 2005

SUBJECT: Zoning Commission No. 04-25 Application of The Catholic University Of America (CUA)

The applicant, Catholic University of America (CUA), acquired 49 acres of land immediately to the west of its main campus (Parcel No. 121/29) ("West Campus"). The 49 acres parcel borders the western part of the University and is currently unzoned as it was a federal property. The site is bounded by North Capitol Street to the west, Irving Street to the southwest, Michigan Avenue to the south, Harewood Road to the east and the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center to the north.

The parcel is improved with two small buildings and four sheds, but the majority of the property is unimproved land. While plans for the West Campus have not been finalized, the University anticipates that the newly acquired West Campus will contain a pavilion for outdoor performances and an event field, an unpaved cross country tract, an environmental research area, two areas of spiritual repose, a maintenance truck and material structure storage and temporary housing units.

The applicant seeks an amendment to the zoning map of the District of Columbia to rezone the West Campus to R-5-A District. The applicant states that there will be no change to the current enrollment cap of 7,500 FTU students and 1,710 faculty and staff set forth in the 2002 Campus plan resulting from the proposed Zoning Map Amendment.

We conclude that from a transportation perspective, the Department of Transportation will have no objection to the proposal. However, the Department will require that CUA prepares a detailed transportation plan for any new proposed facilities on their acreage and that the transportation plan be reviewed by DDOT, to assess its impact on the transportation services in the community.

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