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Anthony Hood, Chairperson
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**Re: Z.C. Case No. 06-11L: Hillel at the George Washington University
Letter of Support**

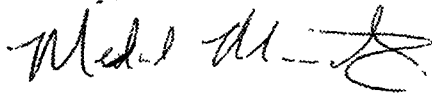
Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

As a resident of Ward 2 and an alumna of The George Washington University, I write to you in support of the Hillel at the George Washington University's new building proposal

Hillel played an active role in my life as a GW student and has remained an integral part of my life as a young professional in the District. As the Jewish Student Association President in 2010-2011, I saw first-hand how Hillel's student and community programming benefited students and local DC communities and organizations. Under its current leadership, Hillel has continued to thrive and demonstrate its commitment to engage students, alumni, and communities in the area. This new building plan will not only fulfill the needs of the current student body, but it will allow Hillel to become an epicenter of Jewish life in the District. Moreover, the building would attract a wide variety of community members that could bring additional activity and commerce to the neighborhood. In addition, Hillel is an organization that consistently supports efforts to give back to local communities, engages students to fundraise for charities, and promotes community service in the District. A vibrant building that can support those many needs as well as meet GW student life and academic space needs is critical to the organization's growth as well as the continued growth of Ward 2.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to approve the relief required to construct the new Hillel building.

Sincerely,



Melinda Michaels

Current Ward 2 resident
GW 2011 graduate
Former Jewish Student Association/Hillel President (2010-2011)

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