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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerrily R. Kress
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FROM: Kenneth G. Laden
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DATE: January 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Z.C. No. 06-38 Application for approval of further processing of an approved campus plan for the construction of a new living and learning center on the central campus of Howard University.

The District Of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other material submitted by the applicant. This report addresses the transportation elements of the proposal.

The applicant, Howard University requests to amend the Central Campus Plan and special exception approval for the further processing of the approved campus plan to permit the construction of a Men's Residential Living and Learning Center (LLC). The proposed building will be placed on a currently vacant site along the eastern edge of the campus overlooking the McMillan Reservoir, between Crampton Auditorium, Childers Hall and Green Memorial Stadium. According to the applicant, the LLC will take the place of the outdated Drew Hall, which was constructed in 1957 and is due to be vacated in 2008.

The building consists of approximately 117,465 square gross feet of construction. The LLC will provide 165 residential units that can accommodate up to 414 male undergraduate students. An apartment for both community director and a graduate assistant will also be located on-site. The project will provide 73 below grade parking spaces and 22 surface spaces for a total of 95 parking spaces. We note that the applicant did not provide a traffic impact analysis in support of this application. According to the applicant, the LLC will neither increase student enrollment or, the number faculty and staff. The proposed building will provide housing for freshmen, who are not permitted to have cars on campus, per the proposed document.

However, DDOT analysis indicates that based on the proposed number of parking spaces (95) provided for the project, that approximately 38 vehicular trips will be generate by the project during

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each morning and evening peak hour. Approximately 29 trips will approach and leave the site via 5th Street, a minor arterial street adjacent to the site. The remaining 9 trips will be via a driveway from 6th Street, a private street owned by the University. In our judgment, vehicular traffic generated by this project can be accommodated with little or no impact on the surrounding transportation network.

Accordingly, DDOT concludes that from a transportation perspective, the Department will have no objection to the proposal. However, the Department recommends that the Charles R. Drew dormitory site not be redeveloped as part of this Zoning Commission approval, but be included as a part of the Howard University Campus Plan which we expect to be submitted for review and approval in 2008.

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