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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: CASE NO. 08-06-7 (Zoning Regulations Revisions for Campus/Institutional Uses)

Dear Mr. Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I submit this letter in support of the proposed revisions to the campus and institutional uses section of the DC Zoning Regulations. I laud the Office of Planning for its conduct of the community meetings I attended, as well as the succinct reports issued in summary of the findings.

The proposed revisions clarify and standardize the rules that will govern the review of campus plans in residential zones. I believe many of the proposed provisions have already been addressed by local universities through the community planning process, but now codifying the requirements creates uniformity and will save institutions time and money.

I am an active alumna of the George Washington University and reside in Foggy Bottom. As you know, the benefits of universities to local residents and the City are invaluable and that is one reason why I settled in Foggy Bottom. I was part of ULI panels in the planning process for GW's Square 54 project and found the university receptive to community input which was included in the final plan that is now under construction.

I favor the elimination of the costly and cumbersome second stage review for projects consistent with the ten year plan, without additional zoning reviews every time an individual project is built. This comprehensive review will allow for a look at the big picture and time to focus on overall plans and issues important to surrounding communities in an organized manner.

Therefore I urge the Commission to give favorable consideration to the proposed revisions as submitted and to draft/adopt language to implement the current recommendations.

Sincerely,

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