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March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 201 S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Alyssa Abraham and I am a student living on George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus. I really enjoy being apart of the thriving community on this campus. I had never lived in a big city entirely on my own before coming to college, so one of the reasons I felt comfortable moving to D.C was knowing that I would be living on the Mount Vernon Campus, a small residential property that fosters community among students. Therefore I am in complete support of the proposed changes to the campus that will increase the community life on campus.

Purposed plans such as renovating Ames, adding sidewalks, and adding more academic and residential space would enhance the campus greatly. It would make the campus more desirable to reside and allow students more space to pursue their endeavors. The purposed plans also will be working to making the campus more "Green" friendly which the students will support wholeheartedly.

I am excited about these new changes and hope they are approved swiftly because they will help this wonderful campus thrive as a tight knit community in a big city.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Abraham



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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Commissioner,

My name is Aly Azhar and I am currently a freshman at The George Washington University living on the Mount Vernon Campus. I am also currently the President of Mount Vernon's Residential Advisory Council, which is GWU's version of Hall Council. As a student leader on campus who is very aware of the environment and culture that draws so many students to the Mount Vernon Campus, I strongly support the 2010 Campus Plan. I believe that with the renovation of Ames Dining Hall into an Academic Facility and the proposed development of new residence halls and the extension of Eckles Memorial Library, the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan fulfills students' desires and needs.

However, what I personally like the most about the plan is the proposed Foxhall perimeter treatment. The Mount Vernon Campus has a very unappealing view from Foxhall Road. There is currently a large, dark fence that outlines the perimeter of the Mount Vernon Campus and this fence is most prominently visible alongside Foxhall Road. The proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus plan will relocate the fence to limit visual impact and surround the fence with plants and trees. I strongly believe that retracting the fence and planting more visually appealing trees and plants around it will greatly improve the overall appearance of the Mount Vernon Campus. A better visual appearance is what I strongly think the Mount Vernon Campus needs. Although it is very nice now, there is certainly room for improvement and the relocation of the fence alongside Foxhall Road will greatly make the Mount Vernon Campus feel much more like a traditional and visually appealing college campus.

Sincerely,

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Aly Azhar

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Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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March 24, 2010

Dear Mr. Chairman:

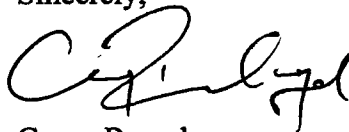
I am writing to express my support for the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, proposed by The George Washington University in Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19.

I consider the Mount Vernon Campus my “home away from Foggy Bottom.” As a student it was a great place to study, play sports and escape the downtime life in the summer with a dip in the campus pool. Moreover, I have seen the great prospects for the Mount Vernon Campus through the development of the Pelham Hall Restoration Project and believe the Campus Plan will further this commitment to excellence in Ward 3.

As a student who used Mount Vernon—especially during finals to study—the increased amount of proposed rooms for classroom use perfectly fits the needs current students to further their academic pursuits. The Mount Vernon Campus Plan also seeks to build more academic buildings, allowing the University to place departments their full time to hall it home. This is absolutely huge in uniting this campus with Foggy Bottom, not just residentially, but academically as well.

Believing this, I recommend that you support the aspects proposed in the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan in their entirety. Please allow GW to continue its tradition of excellence through future growth in Ward 3.

Sincerely,



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RE: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

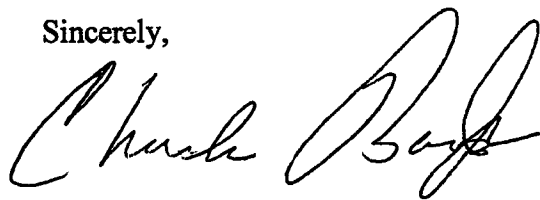
Dear Chairman,

I am writing this letter to express my support for The George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus plan. As both an alumni and former resident of the of the Mount Vernon campus is know that it is imperative and mutually beneficial to both the surrounding neighborhood and GW campus to have the plan approved.

Mount Vernon is a well known hub of serenity and green space for GW students, staff and faculty. By allowing the campus plan to go into effect the reputation of the University as well as the benefit to the local and surrounding community will surely increase. The campus is also home to many of the GW's sports teams' facilities which provided one of a kind entertainment to the surround community. I again would like to submit this letter in support of all the great things that are currently happening on the campus and all of the great things that will surely come if the Mount Vernon Campus plan is adopted.

Please consider my formal appeal and support for the aforementioned campus plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Basden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Basden".

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March 23, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

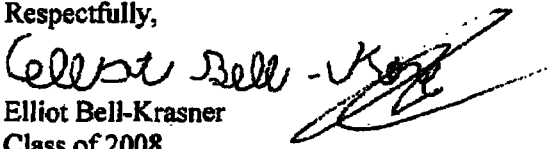
I write to you to show you and the members of the commission my full support of the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. During my time at The George Washington University, I found that the Mount Vernon Campus, or the "The Vern" as it affectionately called by most GW students to be a place of peaceful serenity where I could study quietly, or take a break from the fast pace of the Foggy Bottom Campus, and the hustle and bustle of Capitol Hill, and the Washington DC area. I also took several classes on the Vern, and I enjoyed the opportunity to have class outside on a warm spring day or inside the computer lab of the Eckels Library late at night.

Like most GW students and alumni, I recognize how lucky we are to have an auxiliary campus like the Vern. As a Senator in the Student Association, which is GW's student government organization, I worked with the members of Campaign GW while they were developing the 20 year campus plan, and supported their efforts wholeheartedly. I was proud to be at the groundbreaking ceremony for Square 54 in May of 2008, and every time I get off of the Foggy Bottom Metro, I love seeing the progress that is being made in its construction. That is why I am extremely supportive of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, because I know that it will only add to the value of the education I received at GW, and because it will be beneficial to students at the University now, and for years to come.

This well thought out plan includes many things that I wish the Vern had when I was a student, including an expansion of academic and residential facilities. While I never had the opportunity to live on the Vern, I believe that current and future GW students would benefit greatly from having new dormitories there. I currently reside in a suburban area, and while I may have gotten used to waking up to the sound of ambulances and police cars, while I was at GW, I prefer waking up to the sound of birds chirping. It is just one of the many advantages to living on the Vern. From an academic standpoint, the proposal to expand the number of classroom spaces is a wonderful one, because it would allow more students to take more classes on the Vern, which as I mentioned earlier is a unique experience.

In closing, I would urge you to carefully consider all of the hard work and effort that went into the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, and the impact your decision will have on the students, present, past and future of The George Washington University. I urge you and the rest of the commission to vote for the proposal and take another step towards ensuring that GW will continue to be one of the finest schools in Washington, DC and the United States.

Respectfully,


Elliot Bell-Krasner
Class of 2008
BA Political Science.

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission

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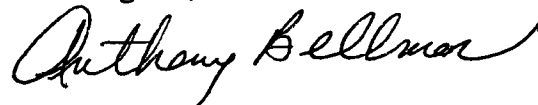
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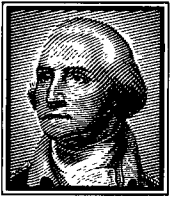
I am writing this letter advocating the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Mt. Vernon serves as a sort of get-away for GW students, especially to those who are not used to the hustle and bustle of the city life, but still want to experience DC and the George Washington University. Mount Vernon is a peaceful alternative to living on Foggy Bottom and it is greatly appreciated. While I have never had the personal opportunity to live on the Mount Vernon Campus this past semester I had pleasure of taking some courses at "the Vern", and it was great experience. With the fall foliage and peaceful atmosphere, the Vern kept me from becoming too homesick because it reminded me so much of home. I felt very comfortable there.

The Mount Vernon Campus is especially dear to most of the students at GW because of the extra library space as well as the sporting events that take place there. I traveled to the Mount Vernon Campus a lot this past semester not only for academic reasons but also to support the GW Soccer teams. The Mount Vernon Campus is very much apart of my GW life and I hope the Mount Vernon Campus Plan is implemented to help maintain the Vern's character and function here at GW.

Regards,



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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As President of The George Washington University Student Association, representing 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students, I want to express my full support for the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. The Mount Vernon Campus is an integral part of our experience as students. It provides us the opportunity to experience what a smaller college feels like. The proposed plan will allow more students to see what is so wonderful about the Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

Personally, as a Communications major, I have been able to take two classes on the Mount Vernon Campus. Both classes highlighted what is best about the campus, its intimate feel and relaxing presence. The classes were small and allowed me a chance to interact with the professor and material and my academic experience has benefited as a result. The addition of more classrooms will allow other students to reap the same benefits. In addition, the sustainable measures being put into place will keep the Mount Vernon Campus green and tranquil.

I look forward to coming back after I have graduated to see how the Mount Vernon Campus has flourished as a result of the proposed plan. It is for this reason that I fully support all aspects of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Bindelglass".

Julie Bindelglass
Student Association President

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March 13, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

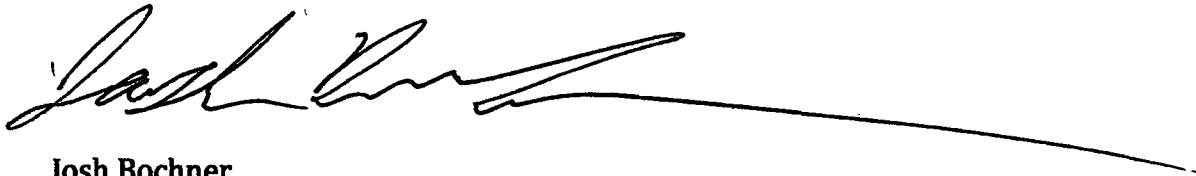
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. I am a current student residing on the Mount Vernon campus and I believe that the new plan takes advantage of everything the Mount Vernon campus has to offer.

The conversion of Ames Hall from a dining hall to academic and administrative space is a great use of the current buildings that are already on campus. Since the main dining area is going to reside in Pelham Hall next year, it is important to make the best use of space available to us. The redevelopment of Ames Hall will be compatible with the surrounding architecture on campus. The redesigning of Ames Hall is a chance to further the sustainability design of the building. By focusing Ames as the main building on campus, it will encourage the use of the Whitehaven entrance and diminish the use of the W. street entrance. The Ames redevelopment project is consistent with the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, and will have positive impact on the campus and the surrounding community.

As a current student and resident of the Mount Vernon campus, I know that 2010 plan will bring positive change for the students attending The George Washington University and the residents of the Palisades community. Thank you for time and support.

Sincerely,

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Josh Bochner

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March 23, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case 09-10

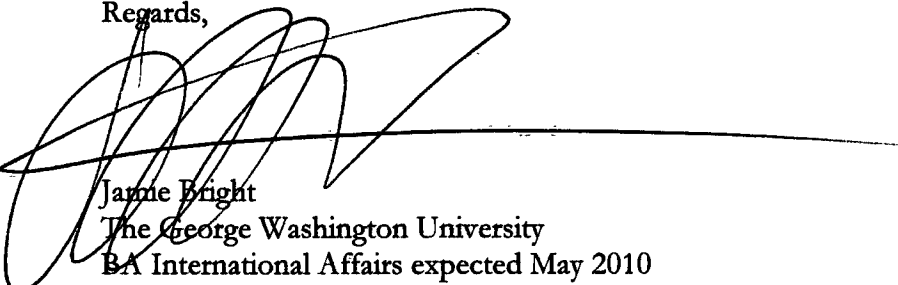
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to you as a supporter of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a senior at The George Washington University, the Mount Vernon Campus has been an integral part of my university experience in the past four years. I am greatly in favor of the development of this campus to further advance its academic and residential offerings.

Although I am graduating in May, I am particularly excited about the addition of academic space on the Mount Vernon Campus. Currently, the Mount Vernon campus offers students the opportunity to take courses in small settings. I took one such course early in my academic career. While my peers in the same course on Foggy Bottom had a large lecture, the small class size offered by the Mount Vernon Campus gave me greater access to my professor and more intellectually stimulating discussions. I look forward to the Mount Vernon Campus offering even more of these types of classes with the addition of academic space as proposed in the plan.

The Mount Vernon Campus is an essential element to GW and offers a unique living and learning environment to all students. The campus is one of the most vibrant aspects of the university. I offer my unwavering support of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, as I know the expansion and development of the Mount Vernon Campus will further improve the university.

Regards,



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March 16, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

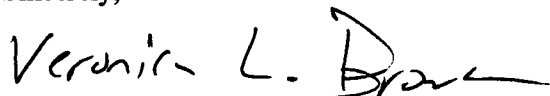
I am writing in support of the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a former resident of Mount Vernon, and after attending an information session regarding the plan, I believe the projected ideas for the campus are very practical and imperative. The additions will give a richer, more dynamic experience to those living at Mount Vernon, or simply visiting. I believe the additions to Ames Hall and the new sidewalks are the most important aspects of the new Campus Plan.

In its current state, Ames Dining Hall is a wonderful place for students to study, hang out, and of course dine. However, with the newly constructed Pelham Hall, most of this activity will move to the new residence hall. Thus, Ames is in need of a makeover. The proposed Campus Plan transforms Ames into a new administrative and classroom facility, adding to the space already available on the Mount Vernon Campus. With an ever-growing student body, it is important to add classroom space for more students to learn in a smaller class-size environment. With more students living in Pelham, it is obvious that more classroom facilities will be needed, as well as more office space for administrators who manage those students.

As anyone who has ever visited the Mount Vernon Campus knows, the Vern Express is a pivotal aspect of the campus. It brings students back and forth between both campuses twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Mount Vernon Campus also boasts rolling hills, with beautiful lawns and trees. Part of the "Mount Vernon Experience" includes walking around campus, either to enjoy a nice iced latte at GW Java, or to watch a soccer match on the weekend. However, in its current condition, the campus lacks the sidewalks needed to accommodate foot traffic. In the proposed plan, sidewalks will be added. Not only will the sidewalks make walking around campus more enjoyable, but it will also make the campus more safe, which is always a concern.

The Mount Vernon Campus has become a pivotal aspect of The George Washington University. Although not every student will have the opportunity to live there, most students will visit Mount Vernon throughout their GW career, whether for class or enjoyment. The proposed plan will renovate Ames Hall to accommodate the growing student body, and add sidewalks to ease foot traffic around campus. These are just two of the many projected changes to the Mount Vernon Campus, though I believe they are the most important. Please take the time to review the proposed plan, and approve it to better the lives of those who visit or live on the Mount Vernon Campus.

Sincerely,

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Veronica Brown

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March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to show my full support for the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a current DCPS teacher at Deal Middle School and a GW alumna, I believe the Mount Vernon Campus has a positive impact on both the GW and DC communities. For two years I lived at the Mount Vernon Campus and developed a love of DC. I moved to DC from a small town in northeast Nevada, and never thought myself a city person. Through my experience at the Mount Vernon campus and in the surrounding neighborhood, I gained confidence and began to feel at home in DC. I saw community members enjoy cultural events and celebrations on campus, and witnessed college students interact with young children in positive ways. Many of my current students share my memories of the Mount Vernon pool, and I've even had a student tell me about the pumpkins they remember carving in the fall on the Quad.

Expanding the campus will provide more opportunities for students and the community to fall in love with Mount Vernon and the DC area. After graduating college I moved to Boston to complete a graduate degree. I contemplated teaching in Boston, but always felt drawn back to DC. The Mount Vernon Campus played a large role in this decision. Through future growth, Mount Vernon will continue to thrive while staying modern and meeting the needs of those who use and love the campus.

While living on the Mount Vernon Campus I often gave tours to alumni of Mount Vernon Women's College who, forty years later, came back to reminisce with their spouses about the fun times on campus, and marvel at what it has become. I hope to be able to do the same in forty years; I believe this plan will make Mount Vernon a place where I can reminisce, marvel, and come back to my DC roots.

Regards,



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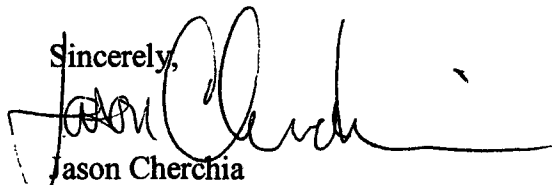
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a third-year student at The George Washington University, I have attended numerous classes including several on the University's Mount Vernon Campus. I have also participated in activities and programming that have taken place on the Mount Vernon Campus, and with certainty, I can state that these events are often well attended and well liked. The Mount Vernon Campus provides students a relaxing alternative to the fast-paced Foggy Bottom Campus and allows the University to boast that it is in the unique position of offering students both an urban and a more rural campus. Allowing the University to further develop its properties on the Mount Vernon Campus would only improve the appealing atmosphere and beautiful landscape of the campus.

Perhaps one of the most forward thinking aspects of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan (Case # 09-19) is its commitment to sustainability. All of the new projects are targeted to be built with sustainable features, such as energy-star appliances, that will help to achieve LEED certification or its equivalent. Attempts will also be made to beautify the campus by adding trees and other foliage so as to mask some of the less appealing structures on the campus. The installation of a comprehensive stormwater management system will alleviate any concerns regarding the ill effects of rainwater flow resulting from the construction of new buildings and facilities. A series of sidewalks will also be installed on the campus so students will no longer be required to share the pavement with cars as they travel through the campus. These additions to the Mount Vernon Campus will surely make it a more appealing destination for students that live on the Foggy Bottom Campus and will strengthen the already positive atmosphere for students living on the Mount Vernon Campus.

Sincerely,



Jason Cherchia

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BA Candidate—Political Science, Class of 2011

The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Chas Corbett

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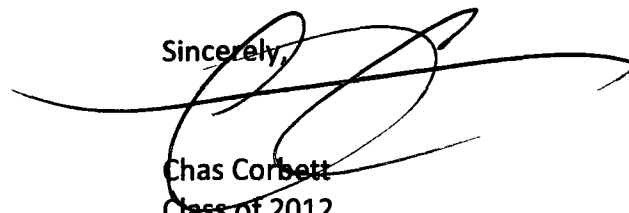
Dear Chairman Hood:

I'm not sure what I love most about GW, like my internship in Homeland Security, the great guest speakers at the Elliott school, or my choice from hundreds of student extracurriculars; here's what I am sure of though- none of it would be possible without the Mount Vernon Campus. Let me paint some background here, I am one three children from a small farm town and the loudest thing I was used to hearing at night for all my days were the crickets outside my window. I'm sure you can imagine my panic as I lay awake at 2 a.m. on Foggy Bottom during orientation listening to the traffic horns and ambulance sirens. What was I thinking coming to such a downtown center-of-the-city university? What was I going to do?

My desperate mid-orientation crisis was resolved the next day at the campus quad barbeque on the Mount Vernon Campus. What was this magical green place, with trees and, more importantly, quiet? It was my home for the next year is what it was. What a home it was too! As I came to discover over the following year, the Vern was more than just simple trees and quiet. The smaller sense of a sub-community within the GW student body that the Vern provided to a small town native, the home-cooked food in Ames (the dining hall), the outdoor pool, the Wacky Wednesday community events, and the coziness of Eckles Library were my favorite aspects of the Mount Vernon Campus. GW's Mount Vernon Campus was the only thing that kept me from transferring out to Wake Forest as my parents had pushed for; the unique environment it provided was my co-pilot, my compatriot in transitioning into the downtown noisy Foggy Bottom.

For these reasons I would love to see the Vern continue to expand; its expansion gives students like me a chance at GW, and from that, a chance at success. By the approval of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, the future of GW and the Mount Vernon Campus are a guaranteed success.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chas Corbett', written over the typed name and email address.

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March 10, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Chairman Hood:

In the 21st century, the exposure of environmental loss by human mistreatment is increasingly exposed by the media. As a sophomore in the School of Media and Public Affairs at the George Washington University (GW), I have been increasingly made aware of these problems. One such problem is that of the Potomac River.

Residing on the Foggy Bottom Campus of GW, I often visit the waterfront to run, eat, or just walk around. The amount of garbage floating around the river is becoming even more apparent by the day. I was excited to learn that the Mount Vernon Campus plan is addressing just that. I feel that the commitment to LEED certification and the comprehensive stormwater management systems to be implemented with all new campus projects and developments will relieve some of that problem.

With these planned goals that mirror the Districts push to clean up the Potomac I hope to both enjoy the river even more than I already do and visit the Mount Vernon campus more often for its many luxuries and amenities.

Sincerely,



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March 23, 2010

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm writing to you today in support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan and the proposed improvements to the Mount Vernon campus. I don't go up to the Vern that often but last semester I had to take a class up there. The new additions would make taking classes up there much easier and more comfortable in two big ways.

The first would be the improved classrooms in the renovated Ames Hall. A lot of the current classrooms are pretty small and in an older building. In the winter time the heating sometimes doesn't work so well and it can get drafty. Better rooms for classes would go a long way in improving the Vern. Another thing that would be good is the new sidewalk that might be put in. Getting around the Vern outside of the Main Quad is a hassle due to the lack of walking space and you frequently have to watch out for buses that may hit you if you're not careful.

Both of these things would be really nice for those of us taking classes on the Mount Vernon Campus and I hope you all take this into consideration.

Sincerely,
Patrick Cox

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March 10, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a former resident, employee, and long-time supporter of the Mount Vernon campus, I am quite familiar with “character” of this important part of the George Washington University. I have spoken to students, many of whom were neighbors – sharing my experiences in the Mount Vernon residence halls – and have learned what makes Mount Vernon so special. It provides many things which the Foggy Bottom campus either does not, or cannot, including tree-lined green space, outdoor sports facilities, and an inclusive “campus feel” that the integrated city-campus of Foggy Bottom lacks. Students flock to the Vern because, to them, it is a breath of fresh air and a promise of open space that they cannot always find in the urban environment. On a sunny day, students can be seen relaxing on blankets on the grassy Quad or taking lunch by the iconic fountain, and during finals the Eckles Library is famous for its comfortable, spacious research lounges. In sum, it is the natural, open, and airy nature of the Mount Vernon campus which makes it unique amongst the properties of the George Washington University.

This secluded nature is ideal for students who wish to “escape” the city to sleep, dine out, read research materials, or have fun at one of the many Mount Vernon events such as Fountain Fling or Rock the Vern weekend. Unfortunately it is this same remote and removed aspect which makes the Mount Vernon campus occasionally less-than-perfect at meeting student needs. Residents of Mount Vernon often complain about lack of accessible academic spaces or gathering areas, as the Eckles library cannot always facilitate the number of students seeking to learn or study there. While the Mount Vernon residence halls allow for the formation of close-knit living communities, the needs of visiting students - as well as current residents – wishing to pursue academic activities often remain unmet. The current academic gathering spaces are out-dated and small and are not conducive to the number of collegiate classes, or student groups, who occupy them. Additionally, existing classrooms cannot facilitate large lecture-style courses, limiting the scope and variety of classes which students can take on the Mount Vernon campus. As it stands right now, while the Mount Vernon campus may be perfect for quiet, secluded relaxation, enjoying a sunny day or a dinner at Ames, it falls short of meeting academic space requirements.

The reason I am writing you today is to encourage support for the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. This will allow Mount Vernon to construct new, modern study spaces for individual students, study groups, and also academic courses. As the proposal states, it will “enhance the living and learning community” by updating buildings, such as the Ames dining hall, to include academic study areas, and constructing new buildings for classes and students alike. The aforementioned close-knit living communities in Mount Vernon residence halls would have access to more convenient and localized learning areas. The renovation and construction of such spaces would also allow the campus to provide the same caliber of resources as offered by Foggy Bottom properties. Finally, the Campus Plan retains the secluded and natural feel which defines the character of the Mount Vernon Campus, but brings it to a level where it can actually sustain academic life – which is clearly an integral part of a university. Therefore I urge you to consider the importance, perhaps necessity, of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Just as the Mount Vernon campus is a significant part of the George Washington University, so is the passing of this proposal a significant part in the preservation of this unique and irreplaceable setting.

Sincerely,
Jenna Curtis

March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Ryan Delzer and I live on the Mount Vernon campus this year. Living on the Vern can be somewhat of a hassle for students because of the nature of where the campus is in comparison to the rest of George Washington. Many departments do not offer classes on the Vern, and if one of those departments happens to be the one you're majoring in the constant commuting can get very tiresome. This is especially true around rush hour when the trip to and from the Mount Vernon campus can take as much as an hour.

The expanded opportunities for academic space on the Mount Vernon campus in the Campus Plan would go a long way in making life easier for those students living up here. A greater variety of classes could be offered on the Vern with the increased amount of classrooms and this would mean less time having to shuttle down to the Foggy Bottom campus. Sometimes the commute to and from Foggy Bottom lasts longer than the class I'm going down there to take. Allowing students the opportunity to take those classes just a few minutes walk away from their residence hall would be welcome by all Vern residents.

Please support the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan in order to provide better and more convenient academic opportunities.

Sincerely,
Ryan Delzer

Chris Diaz
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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

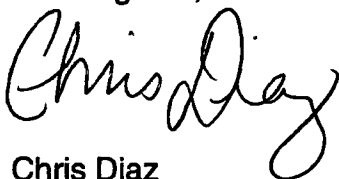
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you today in full support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Five years ago, I began my journey at the George Washington University (GW) as an excited and eager freshman living on the Mount Vernon Campus. Now, as a graduate student and staff member at GW, I can honestly say that my time on the Mount Vernon Campus truly shaped the person I am today. I am particularly excited about the plans for a green building, campus landscaping, and the creation of more open spaces.

Your freshman year is both exciting and terrifying at the same time, and the Mount Vernon Campus was the perfect place for someone like me. I came here not knowing anyone and was a little terrified of moving directly into the city. Mount Vernon, with its large green spaces is the perfect transition for students who did not grow up in a large city. This plan will only benefit hundreds of students like me who crave a little "green" in their lives. It will also foster a growing student community on campus: those who are passionate about the national sustainability movement.

It is my sincere hope that you approve this plan and that we can continue a great working and living communal relationship.

Best regards,



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16 March 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

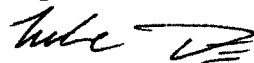
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in support of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus plan. Although I haven't lived on the Mount Vernon campus, I can attest to its qualities as a truly unique residential college experience, while still being a part of the GW University. I was initially a bit hesitant about coming to GW as it is a very urban campus. Had I come as a Freshman, I think the Vern would have been a great way to ease into DC's urban atmosphere. I've heard numerous comments of support from the Vern's residents. The greenery and sub-urban atmosphere are really something unique for such an urban university to offer. It's also my opinion that GW seems very committed to mitigating the impact of the Mount Vernon Campus on the local community with limiting entrances, refraining from lighting the soccer field, and landscaping keep it from sticking out of the neighborhood's character.

There's also the fact that GW's location in the heart of Foggy Bottom severely limits growth. Without the Mount Vernon Campus I don't imagine GW would not be able to educate as many students as it does now. I think this is an important factor in maintaining and expanding GW's reputation, not only in DC, but overall, as a world-class institution.

While I don't know all the specifics of the plan, I would just like to reiterate that the Mount Vernon campus really has become an integral part of GW. It may feature a different collegiate atmosphere than the Foggy Bottom campus but I think that's one of the Vern's strengths and something that should be embraced, by not only the university, but also, by the community.

Regards,



Lucas Alexander Divine

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March 24, 2010
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am contacting you today to express my full support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Throughout my tenure at The George Washington University, the Mount Vernon Campus has provided excellent resources for learning and recreation outside the convention of our day-to-day urban setting in Foggy Bottom. Eckles Library, Post Hall, Ames Dining Hall and the Mount Vernon Pool are all examples of the comprehensive living and learning experiences one can access on the MVC. With the construction of Pelham Hall, the Mount Vernon Campus has expanded its residential capacities significantly, making the MVC an even more exciting and viable option for GW students.

Moving forward, the university administration has proposed several new projects that will continue this trend of expanding the opportunities available to all members of the GW and surrounding communities. I fully support these endeavors, as I have personally experienced the benefit of having such a resource as the Mount Vernon Campus available, especially being a student in an urban setting.

The Mount Vernon Campus Plan will continue to promote the student and community experience on all fronts and I fully support all aspects proposed.

Regards,



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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus is an important aspect of student life at the University. I have attended events and taken classes on the Mount Vernon Campus. I, along with many other students, enjoy studying there for a change of pace from the Foggy Bottom Campus. The Mount Vernon Campus provides a pleasant green space away from the bustle of the main campus for students to relax and study in a serene environment.

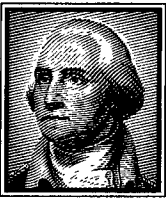
The improvements included in the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan positively affect all students at The George Washington University. Students such as myself who enjoy studying there will benefit from an increased amount of pedestrian walkways. These walkways are important since they unify campus making it easier to travel in between buildings and also to give students more opportunities to take study breaks and walk around campus. The changes made to the entrance enhance the atmosphere of the campus as well. With the entrance emphasis on Whitehaven Parkway, students will feel a greater sense of welcoming when entering the campus, which is essential to stress relief and keeping in good spirits.

Given the previous arguments, I support the changes to the Mount Vernon Campus and look forward to the final results of the plan.

Sincerely,



Jessica DuRousseau
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March 12, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood,

My name is David Earl, and I am a George Washington University alumnus and current graduate student, and I currently serve as a new media planner as a GW staff member. I am writing to you in support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan for The George Washington University. Like many of my fellow colleagues, students and alumni, I am incredibly proud of what Mount Vernon Campus means for the University and the community, and I believe that the suggested items outlined in the campus plan are a perfect marriage of compromise and improvements for our students and neighbors.

As an employee whose efforts concentrate on the University's 22 varsity athletic teams, the Mount Vernon Campus is a beautiful and essential element to campus life. The GW Tennis Center and accompanying athletic fields are the site of wonderful sporting events that students, staff and community members can enjoy at no cost. Planned efforts to limit light and noise pollution coming from these facilities ensure that the university is offering nothing but excitement and enjoyment to community members.

Beautification projects offered up in the campus plan once again represent an effort by the university to improve the university's aesthetics for everyone involved in the Mount Vernon Campus.

The 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan strikes me as an ideal representation of GW's commitment to being an ideal neighbor and a strong resource for its students, faculty and staff. Please accept this letter as evidence of my highest level of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Earl", written over a white background.

David Earl

Ryan James Evans
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Washington, DC 20009

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

March 12, 2010

Dear Mr. Chairman:

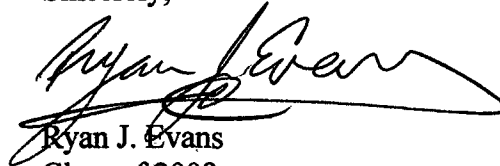
I am writing to you to show my support for the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, proposed by The George Washington University in Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19.

As an alumna of the University I call the Mount Vernon Campus my “home away from Foggy Bottom.” As a student it was a great place to study, play sports and escape the downtime life in the summer with a dip in the campus pool. Moreover, I have seen the great prospects for the Mount Vernon Campus through the development of the Pelham Hall Restoration Project and believe the Campus Plan will further this commitment to excellence in Ward 3.

As a student who used Mount Vernon—especially during finals to study—the increased amount of proposed rooms for classroom use perfectly fits the needs current students to further their academic pursuits. The Mount Vernon Campus Plan also seeks to build more academic buildings, allowing the University to place departments their full time to hall it home. This is absolutely huge in uniting this campus with Foggy Bottom, not just residentially, but academically as well.

Believing this, I recommend that you support the aspects proposed in the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan in their entirety. Please allow GW to continue its tradition of excellence through future growth in Ward 3.

Sincerely,



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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

24 March 2010

Dear Mr. Chairman,

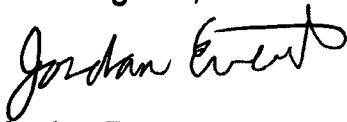
I fully support the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

I have invested nearly six years of my life in GW and the DC community—first as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student. I appreciate how the two complement each other to improve the experiences of those who they serve.

The Mount Vernon Campus plan reflects the spirit of cooperation between DC and GW by providing for the needs of GW students while also addressing the concerns of the local community. I never lived on Mount Vernon Campus as a student, yet its presence as part of the University positively impacted my studies and experiences. For me, the campus has served as a refuge from city life, a social gathering place, a home to key university programs of which I was a part, and a retreat for student training and development activities.

At GW, we talk often about building community, both within our campus and through outreach to the wider DC community. The Mount Vernon Campus Plan builds community because it respects the interests of multiple parties while striving to create an environment to bring people together. I urge you to support this plan.

Best Regards,



Jordan Evert
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**Joshua N. Gammon
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March 13th, 2010

**District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, D.C. 20001**

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My name is Joshua N. Gammon, I am originally from Massachusetts but currently I am a freshman at The George Washington University majoring in Business Administration. During my first year of studies here, I have had the privilege of living in Clark Hall, on the Mount Vernon Campus. I say a privilege because I believe "The Vern" gives a unique experience to all residents. The ability to attend school in the heart of our nation's capital while at the same time living in a place which reminds one of a traditional New England campus, is something that I truly treasure. The constant movement of the city is something to wonder at, but the choice we have to escape to a much calmer and relaxing environment truly sets The George Washington University apart from most other institutes of higher learning. The sense of community that thrives on the Mount Vernon Campus comes about, I believe, from those prior features which make it unique.

With these attributes in mind, your board has in front of it today the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, which among other things, seeks to add more residential facilities, increase academic space, and create new study environments for students. I believe that these three components of the plan are the most deserving of recognition, because each of them contributes to the same idea of increasing opportunities on the Mount Vernon Campus. New resident halls will allow even more future students to experience the uniqueness of the campus than currently offered. Added academic buildings will increase course offerings, and allow for more of those who do not live on The Vern the ability to experience it. And finally the creation of new study space will allow for students to locate enclosed spaces for studying or other activities more readily than before.

It is for these reasons I enthusiastically support, and urge your approval of, the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. I believe it will increase the quality of education achieved here at The George Washington University and improve living standards for all students on the Mount Vernon Campus.

Sincerely,


Joshua N. Gammon

March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Phil Gardner and I'm a Freshman at the George Washington University. This year I've been living in Foggy Bottom, but next year I've decided to live on the Mount Vernon campus. I chose to do this because of the new residence hall being constructed there that will be finished by next fall, Pelham Hall. Pelham will provide a unique experience unlike any other residence hall at George Washington because of its location and the various amenities offered inside it including music and theater rehearsal space, academic study space and in-building dining options.

In order to make the Pelham experience as wonderful as it can possibly be though, other improvements need to be made to the Mount Vernon campus as outlined in the proposal this letter is in reference too. The changes to Ames Hall are of particular interest to me as it will expand the opportunities for taking classes on the Vern as opposed to having to commute down to the Foggy Bottom campus frequently. In addition the new walkway system will make the Vern more livable and enjoyable as a whole.

The Mount Vernon campus is a great part of GW and the plan before you will make it even better.

Sincerely,



Phil Gardner

March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My main reason for writing to you is to encourage you to support the Mount Vernon Campus plan because of the new sidewalks it would put in. A few months ago I was walking on the Vern along a part of the road that doesn't have a sidewalk with my headphones on listening to some music. Suddenly I heard a honking noise and had to literally jump off the road and into some bushes to avoid getting hit by one of the shuttle buses. While I probably should have been more aware of my surroundings, I don't think we should have a campus where you have to constantly be on the look out for getting hit by buses.

The new sidewalks on the Vern would be a really helpful addition to the campus and I hope you support the Mount Vernon Campus plan so we can put them in. I know I would really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Justin Giovatto

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a junior at the George Washington University and I wanted to take this time to share with you some of the reasons why I would be very excited to see the approval of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan (Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19).

As a supporter of sustainability efforts on campus, I was very glad to hear of GW's commitment to acquiring LEED certification for all new projects on the Mount Vernon Campus. I currently live in a residence hall composed of students who strive to "live green" by staying aware of their electricity and water usage and knowing the importance of investing in our future by building sustainable. The University has, in the past few years, turned to a new philosophy of building green, including the current construction of Pelham Hall on the Mount Vernon Campus. This commitment to build according to LEED certification is an even greater testament of the University's understanding of the fact that we need to take care of the world we live in by doing everything we can to lower our consumption of limited natural resources.

Additionally, as a student who has frequented the Mount Vernon Campus throughout my three years at GW, I was very excited to see the proposed plan for Ames Hall. The new academic and administrative space that will be added to Ames Hall will provide yet another way for students like myself to attend classes on the Mount Vernon Campus and enjoy the natural beauty that sometimes is lacking on our Foggy Bottom Campus. With spring upon us already, I cannot wait to have any excuse to visit the Mount Vernon Campus and partake in both academic and extracurricular activities alike.

These are just a few of the reasons why I am excited about the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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David Glidden
Class of 2011
The George Washington University

March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm writing to you today in support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan due to its focus on sustainability. GW has in the past few years made environmental sustainability a key part of its development and growth and I'm very glad to see it continuing into the possible changes to the Vern. Many people in my generation are extremely environmentally conscious and would love to be able to use a campus that reflects this.

The Mount Vernon Campus Plan says that all new projects will achieve the equivalent of LEED certification. This is a nationally recognized standard for environmental sustainability that it's important all new development should follow. Gone are the days when we can just build and grow without thought as to the repercussions of our actions into the world as a whole. The Mount Vernon Campus Plan takes this into account and makes sure that the improved Vern helps the environment as much as it helps students.

Thanks,

Miguel Gonzalez

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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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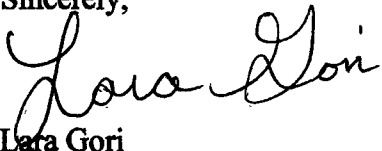
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Chairman Hood:

As an undergraduate at the George Washington University School of Business, I am first and foremost a student. For a sophomore International Business major that means challenging myself with a curriculum based on Information Systems, Statistics, and Calculus among other things. When confronted with the decision to fulfill my undergraduate requirements with courses taught in the beautiful Duques Hall on the Foggy Bottom Campus or in the Academic Building on the Mount Vernon Campus, I have always chosen Foggy Bottom.

However, with the projected changes to academic spaces on the Vern, I am not sure what I would choose in the future. The renovating and conversion of Ames Hall into both academics and administrative space would be instrumental in my decision. Currently the academic spaces on the Vern are dated, dreary, and lack the technological amenities of Foggy Bottom academic spaces. The stadium style seating and technological services that are to be implemented in the new Campus Plan will truly integrate the Mount Vernon Campus into the George Washington University community as a co-educational campus that complements the more urban Foggy Bottom Campus. I am happy to be a student during this exciting transition and look forward to seeing the Vern after these changes are implemented.

Sincerely,



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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chariman:

As a former resident of the Mount Vernon Campus and a graduate of the Elizabeth Somers Women's Leadership Program, it is my pleasure to write this letter in support for the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus plan. As a freshman, I chose to live on Mount Vernon because of the smaller campus and the unique community this created. My freshman year experience was defined by my time spent living in Somers Hall, the hours studying at Eckles Library and the classes I took as part of the Women's Leadership Program. It is my belief that the proposed changes to the campus will allow further generations of students to have an equally meaningful experience for the duration of their time living on Mount Vernon.

While having lunch recently with George Washington University's President Stephen Knapp, he and I spoke about our excitement that a large number of students expressed interest in living in Pelham Hall. It is my firm belief that in order to support the number of students interested in the new residence hall, and to encourage more students to live there in future years, the campus will need to expand its residential and campus life resources. Especially appealing to me is the creation of more classrooms and academic support space that will be featured in Ames Hall. In addition, the university is ensuring that while the campus expands, it also takes into account the growing student support for eco-friendly buildings and sustainable practices. As an advocate for the Mount Vernon Campus since I came to The George Washington University in 2008, it is my hope that expanding the amenities on this campus specifically in the new Ames Hall will attract more excited residents and will provide these students with equal opportunities to what they would experience if they lived on Foggy Bottom.

Thank you for your consideration of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. I look forward to hearing your decision in the months to come.

Sincerely,



Rachel A. Gutauskas
The George Washington University 2012
Mount Vernon Programming Council Coordinator

March 25, 2010

Chairperson Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Chairperson Hood:

My name is Debbie Hammett and I am the President of Balance: The GW Ballet Group. I am writing to you in support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. The Mount Vernon Campus offers students of the George Washington University a multitude of resources and the growth of the campus will continue to enrich the lives of the university's students.

Pelham Hall, which will open in Fall 2010, will provide additional dance studio space on campus, easing the rehearsal process for many student groups. On the Foggy Bottom campus, the dance studios and rehearsal spaces are affiliated with university departments and it is sometimes difficult for student organizations to gain access to the space. The new dance studio is Pelham Hall will be a campus life space and student organizations, such as Balance, will be able to easily use the dance studio. Through having reliable access to a dance studio, Balance will be able to grow as a student organization and its dancers will better be able to perfect their technique and continue to produce annual productions including the Nutcracker, with free performances that are open to the community.

The Mount Vernon Campus has always been committed to student life. Balance's first rehearsal and performance space was on the campus. The Campus Plan seeks to further enrich student life at the George Washington University. The Pelham redevelopment has provided additional rehearsal space for performance groups on campus to thrive, and the changes proposed under the Campus Plan allow more opportunities for student organizations to thrive on campus.

Thank you,



Debbie Hammett
President of Balance: The GW Ballet Group

March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Mount Vernon campus for me is a quiet respite in an otherwise bustling city full of noise and activity. On weekends I love to take the Vern Express up to the campus and sit outside on the lawn and study or listen to music and watch the birds fly around. The library on the Vern is also much more quiet and better designed than the one on Foggy Bottom and I love using it during finals time when it's less crowded than the main one.

I think that the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan would make the Vern an even better place than it already is. The improved and expanded academic buildings would allow for a more complete Vern experience by making it easier to take classes there. The new sidewalks would make it easier to get around the campus, especially down to the athletic field and the new Pelham Hall. Also, the improvements to the campus' exterior and main entrance would make the Vern a more welcoming and friendly place. The 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan would be a wonderful step in making an already great place even better.

Donnie Hansel

March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm on the Women's Lacrosse team at George Washington University and have to make frequent trips up to the Mount Vernon campus in order to practice and compete. One of the things I've noticed on my frequent trips to the Vern is the unwelcoming appearance it has on the outside. The main entrance into campus is unremarkable and one likely wouldn't know they were supposed to enter there if not told otherwise. In addition, several of my friends have referred to the fence running along the road as a "prison fence" due to its unfriendly looking nature.

The Mount Vernon Campus Plan would make good progress in improving the outside look of the Vern. By creating a more welcoming look to the edge of campus and making the main entrance more welcoming, the plan would be very helpful in making the Vern more friendly looking. I also think it would make the Vern fit into the neighborhood a lot better and look more a part of the community.

Logan Healy



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Joshua A. Hock
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March 18, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Joshua Hock and I am presently a sophomore enrolled at The George Washington University.

As you and your esteemed colleagues begin the proceedings to consider the sanction of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan (hereinafter, Plan), I would like to submit to the board my sincerest expression of support for its approval.

I emphasize with particular enthusiasm the Plan's call for dramatic improvements to Ames Hall, a dining hall which the school hopes to evolve and expand into new academic and student-use space. I am especially glad that the Mount Vernon Campus will see the introduction of theatre-style classrooms: presently, the classrooms of the Mount Vernon Campus are outdated with most only capable of seating between 15 and 20 people. I am certain that the additional classroom space will allow more departments and programs to utilize the Mount Vernon Campus, thereby further unifying the GW identity and enhancing the student experience.

Furthermore, the Plan calls for these developments to be built according to green standards, allowing the University to fulfill an increasingly important part of its mission to 'clean-up' the campus and our city.

Clearly, the Plan is a boon to both GW's students and Washington's residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua A. Hock".

Joshua A. Hock
The George Washington University

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March 22, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you to express my full support and excitement for the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. GWU pride itself on being a well rounded school in every meaning of the word, the Mount Vernon Campus is central part in our school's ability to provide it's students with both a urban atmosphere and the quiet and calm serenity of the Mount Vernon Campus.

For the last two years I have been purposefully choosing to schedule at least one class every week on our Mount Vernon Campus, the environment and setting of the campus is the best escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. I find myself looking forwards to the 15 minute bus ride to and from the campus. I make it a point to spend the free time I have before and after the class around the many beautiful open areas around the campus as well as the great facilities provided around the Campus. I would like to emphasize my full support for the growth of the Mount Vernon Campus, the addition of more academic buildings and classrooms will enable more students to experience the great campus.

Regard,

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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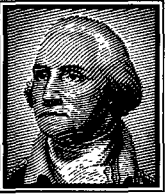
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I lived on the Mount Vernon campus my freshman year at George Washington and had a fantastic time. Living on the Vern is a unique experience that allows you to enjoy both the solemnity of a more traditional college campus while at the same time having easy access to Foggy Bottom and the rest of D.C. However, the Mount Vernon campus could definitely be improved and the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan includes a lot of features that would be very beneficial in improving the quality of life on the Vern.

I sometimes like to go jogging in the afternoon. This was at times difficult on the Vern because of the lack of pedestrian paths around campus. A lot of the time you need to run in the road and this can cause problems when buses and cars come by. The roads are fairly narrow and you need to jump off the road and into the bushes in order to allow the vehicles to pass. Not only is this inconvenient it can also be dangerous. The new sidewalks proposed in the campus plan would be very nice to have around in order to make the Vern more pedestrian and runner friendly.

Thank you,
John Laputz



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March 22, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

This letter expresses my support of the George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As an alumnae, current staff member, graduate student and former student-athlete at the George Washington University, I want to express how important the Mount Vernon Campus Plan is to the growth, versatility and development of the University.

Not only does the Mount Vernon Campus Plan provide a serene, rural environment to compliment GW's Foggy Bottom campus, but it is also home to many of our sports teams including our men's and women's soccer, lacrosse, tennis, and softball and baseball teams. Developing this campus will not only help attract more students away from the Foggy Bottom campus, but will also make it a more attractive part of the GW experience, especially for our student-athletes.

I am in complete support of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Please make every effort to ensure the plan gets approved and executed. Thank you.

Best,

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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RE: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to express my support for the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, currently proposed by the George Washington University. I am undergraduate alumnae of the university and am currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at GW.

Indeed, my years as an on-campus resident are behind me. Yet, having recently toured the newly redeveloped Pelham Residence Hall, I recognize the value and uniqueness of the entire Mount Vernon Campus. Pelham Hall specifically, will enhance the educational, residential, and extra curricular experience for all GW students, not just Mount Vernon residents.

I am particularly impressed by the sustainable designs that are included in the proposed plan. These designs are a clear illustration of GW's commitment to improving the campus while remaining attuned to environmental design implications.

Chairman, I stand in full support of this plan. I hope to see it approved and adopted so that future generations of GW alumni may enjoy the tranquility and resources the Mount Vernon Campus can offer them as students.

Sincerely,



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March 16, 2010

Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Chair Hood:

Whether taking classes, playing tennis, or just taking a break from the Foggy Bottom Campus' city setting, the Vern is a key player when it comes to campus life at GW. That said, GW is a school that is continually evolving and the Mount Vernon Campus needs to evolve as well. That is why I am writing in support of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

The plan's provision for improvements to public amenities and pedestrian pathways are a must. There has been one many instances when I have had to jump out of the road to make way for a campus shuttle since there were no sidewalks to walk on. In addition, the plan's proposal to enhance storm water management practices, minimize lighting on the tennis courts, eliminate lighting on the soccer field, and construct green buildings, all correlate with GW's initiative to increase sustainable practices.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, is that it not only takes into consideration the needs and wants of students, but it is also tailored to satisfy the concerns of community neighbors as well.

Sincerely,

Haley Lesavoy

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March 9, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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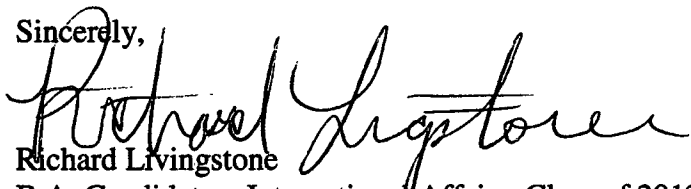
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Chairman Hood:

As a sophomore at the George Washington University I have never lived on the "Beautiful" Mount Vernon Campus (MVC), but that isn't to say I haven't frequented it often. A beautiful escape from the hectic Foggy Bottom neighborhood lifestyle, the "Vern" as it is so commonly referred, offers a peaceful and serene campus to escape to when things get too rough. I am an avid explorer and find myself visiting many of the cities attractions, parks, and get-a-ways. What I haven't been able to find in the dense city that is Washington, DC is the athletics and sports facilities that the MVC offers. When some people move indoors to run on a treadmill, play a game of basketball, or hit the weights I can fathom no such thing. There is no better place to exercise than outdoors.

The best part about the Vern's outdoor athletic facilities is the tennis courts. However, I just can't justify the all hours of lighting that the courts require to be available to students throughout the duration of the evening. As a passionate supporter of the "Green" movement that has become so prevalent in today's society, I choose not to patronize establishments (or this case facilities) that are not eco-friendly. The new MVC Plan (Case # 09-19) solves this very problem. With new enhanced controls on tennis court lighting to minimize lighting when course are not in use, I can rest assured that no electricity is being wasted on an empty court and can fully return to patronizing the MVC for its athletic facilities. Not to mention, pleasing all of the residents in neighboring residence halls who must hate the 24/7 lighting emitted from those courts. I give my whole hearted support to improvements like this and look forward to the future of the MVC.

Sincerely,



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March 22, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to express my support for the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Increasing academic and residential space on the Mount Vernon Campus will make it more appealing to incoming freshman- hopefully reliving some of the stress on the Foggy Bottom campus.

In addition to drawing more students to the Mount Vernon Campus, the increase in academic and residential space will allow for the growth of special programs that are housed on the campus. I am thinking especially of the Women's Leadership Program, of which many of my friends are alumnae. The proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan will allow for many more young women to have access to this program.

I thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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March 22, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission

Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood

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Dear Chairman Hood:

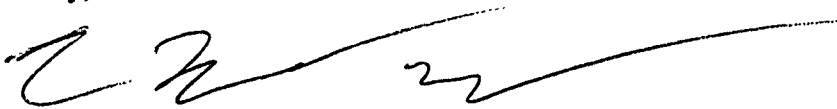
I am writing to you today on the matter of Zoning Commission Case 09-19, also known as the George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a student at a university quickly asserting itself as one of the premiere institutions of higher learning in the nation, I am thrilled to see the plan's potential to expand the use of the Mount Vernon Campus, an important asset to the university. I have had the opportunity to attend community meetings where the university has actively reached out to ensure that the plan does not negatively impact the neighbors in the long term. The Mount Vernon Campus Plan envisions a campus which is beneficial to both the students of the university and the members of the community.

The Mount Vernon Campus already provides an important counter-balance to the Foggy Bottom Campus' urban feel, providing an easily accessible retreat from downtown city life. By making the changes proposed by the plan, more students will be able to take advantage of the Mount Vernon Campus. New and renovated buildings will allow the campus to serve the full extent of its purpose.

The process of neighborhood review has been a wonderful example of inclusiveness. Regular meetings were held between neighbors and high-level administrators in the relevant departments to address concerns of the impact on the neighborhood. On the basis of those meetings, changes to the plan were made to make the plan more amenable. The university has undoubtedly gone above and beyond its responsibility to listen to the community.

The end result of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan is a modern campus which meets the needs and desires of a first-class student population and ensures that the community does not face negative effects. It will be good for the school, the neighborhood, and the city and I respectfully urge you to approve it.

Sincerely,



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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Hello, my name is Brandon P. Mansur. I am a senior at The George Washington University majoring in International Affairs. I am also a member of Campaign GW, which participates in raising awareness among the student and faculty population at GW about campus development and sustainable living initiatives. During my time at GW, I lived on the university's Foggy Bottom Campus. However, I was able to break away from the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. It has been my trips to the Mount Vernon Campus for classes, soccer matches, and entertainment that have left an indelible image in my mind of a beautiful, pristine campus. However, I recognize and implore you to recognize as well, that there can be meaningful changes in the overall layout and composition of the Mount Vernon Campus itself.

In order for these changes to become reality, Campaign GW and the rest of the GW student body would like to emphasize that any of the construction and development of the Mount Vernon Campus will be taking place within *existing properties*. That means that no new tracts of land will be acquiesced in the pursuit of making the Mount Vernon Campus more accessible, environmentally-friendly, and of course, aesthetically pleasing. There will be an elimination of lights from the soccer field and tennis courts, thus reducing the amount of light pollution emanating into the surrounding neighborhoods. Additionally, the campus perimeter fencing will be relocated, and replaced by the planting of more trees, thereby limiting the visual impact of the Mount Vernon Campus in a positive manner while at the same time increasing the actual headcount student population by 15%.

All of this means that with the Mount Vernon Campus plan, The George Washington University will be taking a significant step in weaving the Mount Vernon Campus into the stream of student consciousness. Moreover, they will be doing this while at the same time minimizing the negative effects on surrounding residents. It is a win-win situation for all, and I humbly ask you to place your full support behind this plan, and lend your voice and support for the initiative.

Warmest Regards,

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to write to you in regards to the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As an alumnus of The George Washington University and a former resident of the Mount Vernon Campus, I offer my full support of the proposal.

Coming to GW, I could not have asked for a better first year experience, than my freshman year on the Mount Vernon Campus. I believe strongly in the developments being proposed, in particular the addition of new classroom and residential space, new area landscaping, enhancements to the entrances along Whitehaven, and the efforts to become LEED certified through all the new developments. All of these, I believe will only enhance the experience of the campus and would greatly benefit the university's students.

I must also commend the thought and care shown in the development of this plan. As a resident of the campus, there were several opportunities to interact with the Foxhall Neighborhood residents, whether it is summer movies in the quad, trick or treating around the residence halls, or a concert series in the Pub. That is why I believe strongly that this proposal would benefit not only the GW community on the Mount Vernon Campus, but its surrounding neighbors as well.

The Mount Vernon campus means a great deal to mean, and I have always considered it a special place in Washington. It is all of these reasons that I am in full support of this plan. I thank you for the opportunity to write to you, and I welcome any questions or comments on this matter, or any other opportunity to speak further on this case.

Yours most sincerely,



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March 22nd 2010

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RE: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Chairman Anthony Hood,

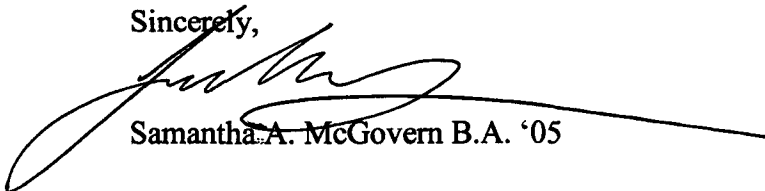
As an alumna of The George Washington University I am pleased and excited about the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a student I always appreciated the Mount Vernon Campus as a quiet escape from the bustling Foggy Bottom Campus.

By enhancing the controls on the tennis court lighting and having no lighting on the soccer field, light pollution will be minimized on campus allowing the community to enjoy and appreciate the night sky.

I am also excited by GW's commitment to achieve LEED NC certification and the implementation comprehensive storm water management on all new projects. This will help students understand how important it is to make environmentally sound choices as student. I believe if I had this experience when I attended GW I would have become more environmentally conscience sooner.

These changes mentioned in the plan will only continue to add to the overall peacefulness to the campus that will be enjoyed by the students and neighbors for years to come.

Sincerely,



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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As a junior at The George Washington University and as an active, involved student leader in an organization that utilizes the Mount Vernon Campus on a weekly basis, I am in full support of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

The 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan has taken into consideration what students need and want to see. The new Pelham Hall is providing more student support space and unique spaces (such as studios, study rooms, etc.). Additionally, as the Mount Vernon Campus is being used by more students and more often, creating one recognizable entrance is necessary. It is also evident that the 2010 Mount Vernon Plan has taken into high priority the requests and needs of the neighboring community by focusing development away from residential areas and by creating a comprehensive storm water management system.

There are many aspects, a few that I mentioned above, that will be beneficial to future students. However, personally, my favorite aspect of the plan is the renovation of Ames Hall into an academic space. Hosting more courses and departments on the Mount Vernon Campus allows residents on the campus more opportunity to have classes on their own campus and provides Foggy Bottom students with more course options on the Mount Vernon campus. The informal gathering space in this building will also be nice for small group meetings or alternative study locations, something that GW students are in great need of.

I urge you to take my support and letter into consideration when discussing the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Samantha McLean

March 23, 2010

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Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am a member of the GW Soccer team who has to travel to the Mount Vernon campus on a near daily basis for practices and games. The athletic facilities on the Vern are great and I and the rest of the team love using them. The Vern has been extremely helpful in growing our program into a more and more successful soccer program.

However, we have a lot of difficulty getting fans to come and support our games because of the isolated nature of the Vern. After taking a look at the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, I think it would be a great step forward in making the Vern more inclusive with the rest of the George Washington community. By providing more academic and community spaces, peoples would have more of a reason to be on the Vern for a longer amount of time and would be more likely to come out and support our team. Overall I think the proposed plan would be great for making the Vern more livable and likable to all GW students.

Thank you,
Mattia Melillo

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March 12, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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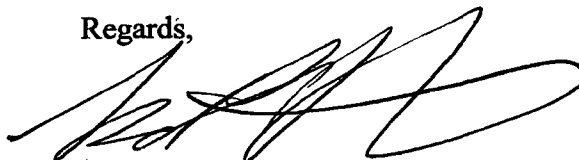
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write you to show my full support of the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Though I came to GW with aspirations of city living and learning, the Mount Vernon Campus has opened up a whole other world in DC that I did not know could even exist. Having some of my classes and study time on the quiet and secluded campus is exactly the break that students need from the hectic environment in Foggy Bottom. My favorite part of the Campus Plan is the proposal for additional classroom space and residential space on that campus.

Having the option to take classes on the Mount Vernon Campus has been a tremendous benefit to my education at GW and I am very happy to see the proposal for more classroom and academic buildings being brought to the Mount Vernon Campus. I am in full support of all aspects of the growth of the campus, especially given the care and dedication shown in this plan through future developmental architecture and small college feel that will continue on with this campus for decades more.

Chairman, I wholly offer my support for all aspects of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan as a student at GW with a vested interest in the future growth and expansion of GW.

Regards,



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March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Calvin Moore and I am living on the Mount Vernon campus this year. I've taken a look at the proposed plan and am really excited about several aspects of it. The one that comes to mind the most though is the improved academic space.

While I have taken some classes on the Vern this year, most of my classes I'm having to take on the Foggy Bottom campus due to the limited academic space on Mount Vernon. By increasing the space for classes the campus plan would allow more Vern residents to take classes closer to their residence halls and not a bus ride away. I cannot tell you how nice it would've been to take some of my required, core classes here on the Vern rather than being forced to take them down on Foggy Bottom due to them only being offered down there.

I spend a lot of time studying in Eckles library, and being able to take classes in a building connected to it would be a very convenient addition. I also feel it would enhance the overall learning opportunities for students as professors could more easily incorporate library usage into their curriculum by having the resources near by.

Please support the Mount Vernon Campus Plan so we can have more and better academic buildings on the Mount Vernon campus.

Thank you,
Calvin Moore

March 23, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Rebecca Naeder and I'm writing to you today in support of the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. While the plan has a lot of great features, the part I'm most excited about are the efforts to make the Mount Vernon Campus more environmentally friendly. Protecting the environment is extremely important to me and I'm very glad that George Washington has decided to make sustainability a key part of the new campus plan.

The most notable part of the commitment to sustainability can be seen in the desire for all new projects to achieve the equivalent of LEED certified or better. The improved Ames and the potential new academic and residential spaces will all be buildings that keep the environmental impact of their usage in mind. In addition, the better-designed storm water management system will keep unwanted damage to the campus from happening. It's small steps like these that can make a big difference overtime.

Please support the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan so we can make the Mount Vernon Campus as environmentally friendly as it can be. Sustainability needs to be an important part of any development and the proposed plan certainly prioritizes it correctly.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Naeder

March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you today to support the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan because of the need to improve the academic areas on the Vern. There is one main academic building on campus currently where almost all the classes that take place on the Vern occur. The classrooms are not very big and can become cramped when larger classes are put inside them. They also were not well designed to allow for different types of room set-ups that might be better for different types of classes (lectures versus discussions versus group collaboration, for example).

Newer and more varied academic buildings on the Mount Vernon campus would be a welcome addition in my opinion. It would allow a larger variety of classes to be offered and it would make the educational opportunities on the campus greater. The additions to Ames Hall would be a great start in this direction. Better and larger amounts of academic areas are very important if we want the Vern to become the best possible campus it can be. The 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan takes this into account and I urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Chairman Hood,

While Mount Vernon is a part of The George Washington University, it's campus is separated from Foggy Bottom and therefore many of the student residents are shuttled between the campuses for academic and student life activities. With the addition and improvements of academic spaces, including the renovations of Ames Hall, students living on the Mount Vernon campus will have greater opportunities to study where they reside. Also, student residents on Foggy Bottom will have more incentive to visit Mount Vernon for study reasons, increasing the interaction between students from Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon. However, academic space is only part of the equation.

The aesthetic improvements planned for Mount Vernon will benefit student residents, visiting students, and the surrounding neighborhood. Physical improvements to the site will attract more students and encourage them to spend more time on the campus. In turn, the students will be more likely to take ownership and pride with the space and be more likely to invest more of their time and effort in furthering student life on the campus. By combining aesthetic appeal with LEED environmental standards, GW's Mount Vernon Campus can become a benchmark for future developments. The closing of the W Street entrance except for emergency vehicles and pedestrian traffic will mean a quieter space for the neighborhood. As well, with the permeable road surfaces and the drivable grass at the W Street entrance, water run-off will be controlled, furthering the benefits for the surrounding residents.

While the improvements planned for Mount Vernon are made with the students in mind, the surrounding area will also benefit with the physical improvements of appearances as well as the sustainable efforts that are proposed. Water management and LEED standards will allow for future students to continue to enjoy the benefits of GW's Mount Vernon Campus for many years to come.

Sincerely,



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March 23, 2010

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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This semester I am taking a class on the Mount Vernon campus while living on Foggy Bottom. While I do not mind the commute and the fact that it is on the Vern that much, there are ways in which this experience could be improved. The Mount Vernon campus plan would help to fix some of these problems.

One of the most annoying things about the current Vern is the lack of sidewalks. It almost seems at time as if the campus was not actually designed for people to walk around on it. Large parts of it have no sidewalks which leads to a difficult decision: You can either walk on the grass and in the bushes which can get very muddy after it rains, or you can walk in the road and risk getting hit by one of the many shuttle buses and other vehicles that travel around the Mount Vernon Campus. Better walking paths would be extremely helpful.

Another big improvement would be better classrooms. The current building I have classes in is fairly old with a fairly small classroom for the class I'm in. It is not particularly conducive to group discussions as it is difficult to arrange the room in such a way to allow this. Newer, better-designed academic space would be great in making the Vern friendlier to learning.

Sincerely,

Carl Olson

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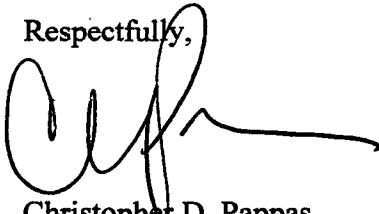
Dear Chairman Hood,

This letter is to express my undivided support for The George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Throughout my time at GWU, the Mount Vernon Campus has provided excellent resources for learning and recreation outside the conventional day-to-day urban setting in the historic Foggy Bottom district. With resources like the Eckles Library, the brand new Pelham Hall residential building, the Post Hall Academic Building, and the Mount Vernon Pool, students and residential neighbors are provided exceptional opportunities from the Mount Vernon Campus, making its expansion and continued growth necessary.

Looking toward the future, the University has proposed several new projects that will continue this excellent trend of development. I am in full support of these projects, and hope to see them continue without any faltering. I, as well as many other students, have personally benefited from having the resources on the Mount Vernon Campus available to me.

The Mount Vernon Campus plan will be a strong improvement to the student life and residential life of those in the Mount Vernon area. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing the decisions and opinions of the commission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CPappas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in full support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan proposal. The Campus on Foxhall Road is a tribute to the diversity of student life and learning at GW, and the institution's commitment to providing unparalleled opportunities for growth and success.

Considerate of its neighbors, The George Washington University has engaged the community surrounding Mount Vernon Campus, and has tended to their concerns. The campus plan has made sustainability a priority as well, enhancing the spaces it plans to grow. Open areas, pedestrian pathways, and greenery characterize the friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and will be further improved by this project. Students, faculty and staff will benefit from the proposed living and learning space.

On a personal note, I spent my freshman year on Mount Vernon Campus. The enduring community, academic opportunities and tranquility of the neighborhood are all reasons why I continue to take classes and visit the campus regularly. Mount Vernon is a special part of GW. Moving forward with the Campus Plan is necessary, as it will enhance the GW experience, the school, and the community.

Sincerely,



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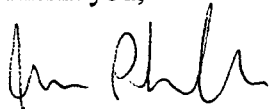
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19 Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write you to show my full support of the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. While I chose to come to GW in the fall of 2004 for its urban campus I grew to love the Mount Vernon Campus over my four years at GW as an undergraduate and now as a GW graduate student. The Vern offers a wonderful and quiet place study and activities. My favorite part of the Campus Plan is the proposal for additional and much needed residential space.

I had the opportunity to take several classes on Mount Vernon and am pleased that there will be additional space for classrooms. The classrooms provide a more intimate and academically conducive environment. I often come to the Vern for access to the sports facilities and dining hall.

I offer my support for all aspects of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan as a GW alumna and current GW graduate student.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Phillips', written in a cursive style.

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March 23, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I lived on the Mount Vernon Campus during my freshmen year at GW. It was the perfect transition from my childhood in suburbia to life in the city. The green space and athletic fields were my favorite part of living at Mount Vernon. They provided a great refuge from the stress of classes and allowed me to enjoy the outdoors on sunny and snowy days. Relaxing on the quad on a summer day, sledding down the hills in winter, are just a few of the fond memories I have of this campus.

When I learned that the Mount Vernon Campus Plan was being developed I kept a keen eye open for the greenery to be added or preserved in the plan. Closing the W Street entrance and turning the parking lot into green space is certainly my favorite part of the future plans. Removing the pavement will reduce the impermeable surface area of the space which will help reduce storm water run-off. It's not often that you see pavement being replaced by plants and trees and I hope to come back to campus after this project is complete to see the new landscaping which was chosen for the space.

I hope your committee sees, as I do, the potential this Campus Plan has to be a positive step forward. GW's improvements to the campus will certainly benefit generations of students for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Casey Pierzchala

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March 24, 2010
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

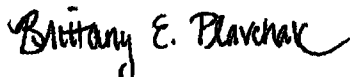
I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Although I was initially drawn to GW largely on account of its unique position within Washington, DC, I developed a strong appreciation for the Mount Vernon Campus in my first year as an undergraduate student. I was overwhelmed by the large class sizes on the Foggy Bottom campus, but I found my academic niche at Mount Vernon, where I had the wonderful advantage of small classes that were much more conducive to my learning style. By taking several of my general curriculum requirement courses at Mount Vernon, I became more engaged in class discussions and was better able to foster connections with individual professors.

While many aspects of the Plan are laudable, I especially support the proposal to convert the use of Ames Hall to academic and administrative uses, as well as to construct an addition to Ames Hall to create additional academic space to serve the campus population. Because so many students have the potential to thrive in small and intimate classroom settings (such as those provided at the Mount Vernon Campus), the creation of additional academic space at Mount Vernon will attract more students to the Mount Vernon Campus while simultaneously enhancing the University's academic reputation.

In addition, I strongly support the Plan's commitment to mitigate noise on the Mount Vernon Campus. Mount Vernon is characterized by its simplicity, quietude and charm, and the preservation of these qualities should remain a topmost priority of University officials, faculty and staff.

In conclusion, I commend you for your wonderful efforts to date and encourage you to continue to work toward the development and enhancement of the George Washington University through the implementation of the projects proposed in the Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

Regards,



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March 16, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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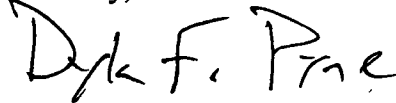
Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I had the opportunity to live on The George Washington University Mount Vernon Campus during the summer of 2007. During that summer not only did I take a course on that campus, but I feel in love with the campus. Now a full time student at The George Washington University I have taken 3 more courses on the campus. Then Mount Vernon Campus is a relaxing environment full of green grass and plants, which is hard to come by in the concrete jungle that is Washington D.C.

One of the best aspects of the proposed 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan is the Ames Renovation. One intention of the Ames Renovation is the creation of a rotunda on the backside of the building. This addition will not only add more classroom space to give more students the opportunity to take more classes on the campus but also will give the Campus a more appealing entrance for the Vern Express, which brings students to and from the campus. The more classroom space will give more students the opportunity that I have taken advantage of 4 times now and the more appealing entrance will make both current students and prospective students feel more welcomed to the campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dylan F. Pyne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dylan F. Pyne

Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you to express my support for The George Washington University's 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a current student at GWU, the Mount Vernon Campus has been an important part of my college experience, and I would like to see it continue to impact GW and our community in positive ways.

The proposals included in the 2010 Plan will enhance the Mount Vernon campus in numerous ways. First, they accommodate for our university's growing need of student housing and academic space. Additionally, they will help us become better neighbors by reducing the sound, noise, and light pollution produced by the campus. The Campus Plan is also an excellent example of GW's commitment to making our university more sustainable as all new construction will be designed with LEED certification on the forefront of considerations.

I hope that you will consider these aspects of the Mount Vernon Campus plan when making your decision about the proposal.

Sincerely,



Rachel Reclam

GWU Class of 2011

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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Every time I take the shuttle up to the Mount Vernon Campus I notice how unfriendly looking it can be. It doesn't look anything like the sort of welcoming college campuses one thinks of or sees in movies, but rather some sort of protected compound put behind fences that the owners don't want people to notice. The main entrance itself looks more like a service entrance than the road that is supposed to welcome visitors to the Vern.

As such, I was pleased to see that the proposed campus plan is going to make improvements to the exterior image of the Vern. Moving the main fence along the road farther back and putting landscaping in will make the campus look much more inviting while driving by. The new design for the main campus entrance will be especially positive. Finally the Vern will have an entrance that is welcoming to both students and visitors and makes it seem like you're actually coming on to a college campus.

Please support the Mount Vernon Campus Plan to improve the image of the Vern. The outside should reflect how great the inside is.

Thanks,
Clare Roche

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March 17, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Since my first days in Washington nearly four years ago, the Mount Vernon Campus has played a unique part in my "GW Experience." From hosting the event I judged at the 2008 National Science Olympiad Tournament to planting trees around the campus on a cool November morning, the "Vern" has served as a wonderful compliment to the Foggy Bottom Campus, enhancing not only the University, but the neighborhood and city at-large.

I support the Mt. Vernon Campus plan because of its potential to further enhance the campus for the benefit of all stakeholders involved. The primary benefactors, the students, will enjoy enhanced and expanded student-life and academic spaces, allowing the campus to become more autonomous from Foggy Bottom. When I was a freshman, the primary reason I didn't want to live on the Vern was the relative lack of classes available on that campus; by increasing both the quantity of classroom space and the number of students living on the campus, as the Campus Plan aims to do, this problem diminishes.

Beyond benefitting students, the campus neighbors stand to benefit from the array of provisions in the Plan catered to their needs. From the elimination of plans to light the soccer fields to the relocation of the primary campus entrance to Whitehaven Parkway, everyone stands to benefit from the approval of this Campus Plan. As someone who has worked in the Palisades/Foxhall neighborhood, I have experienced what a unique and special place it is in the District, and any enhancements to GW's Mount Vernon Campus only stand to augment its stature.

Best,



William S. Rone, Jr.

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Respected Members of the DC Zoning Commission,

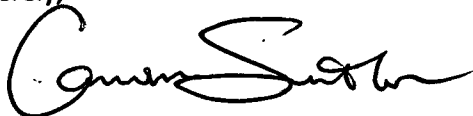
My name is Cameron Smither, a sophomore in the George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. I am writing you to lend my support to the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan being presented on March 25th of this year. I live on the Mount Vernon Campus currently and am a member of its Residential Advisory Council. Through RAC, I work with ten other student representatives to strengthen the community of the campus and establish community standards, and it is with this intimate knowledge of our campus life that I write in favor of this plan.

There are three specific provisions of the plan that I find particularly important, with which I will include a brief explanation:

- 1.) All new construction projects will be targeted for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. Universities are critical leaders when it comes to instituting responsible, social justice impacting practices; GW's participation in the LEED construction standards promotes environmental stewardship and bolsters environmental justice claims that positive change is a viable option.
- 2.) Installation of storm water management systems, including rainwater collection. This is another step in decreasing the environmental footprint of the university – by capturing rainwater for use in our landscaping work, GW can cut-down on unnecessary use of the city's treated water. This will also minimize rainwater flow off of campus, alleviating pressure on storm drains in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- 3.) Physical enhancements to the Whitehaven Pkwy entrance. Any beautification effort benefits the neighbors and community members of the Palisades, not to mention the draw of the university and the wellbeing of the students who already call it home.

All three of these points share a strong underlying theme of concern for community, whether that is the community at large with respect to the environment or the community of the surrounding block regarding the watering of flowers. Many would benefit from this plan and rightfully so – the preferences of many were kept in mind when creating it. It is for this reason that I wholly endorse the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. I hope you do too.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smither
Class of 2012

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March 9, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am a sophomore at The George Washington University (GW) and reside on the Foggy Bottom Campus. The Mount Vernon Campus of GW is one of my favorite escapes to study for midterms, visit the ropes course, attend social events, or just to hang out on the grassy lawn. However, something that has always disturbed me about the current Campus is its lack of sidewalks. Far too often have I jumped onto the grass to make room for the Vern Express (our campus to campus shuttle) so as not to be run over. Additionally, the steep roads that are used by both pedestrians and cars are not the most conducive to walking because of their slope. The new Mount Vernon Campus Plan now includes sidewalks that can include steps for easier walking and not to mention must safer travel from building to building across campus. For this alone I am a major proponent of what the new plan asks and all of the other amenities are even better.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

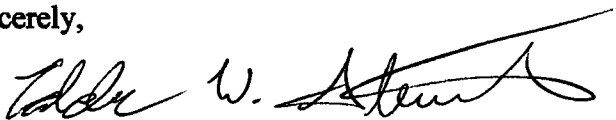
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I believe that the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan (Case # 09-19) is a necessity for improving the Mount Vernon Campus, and making it more attractive to students. Changes to the academic buildings, and even the addition of new ones, will make taking classes on the Mount Vernon Campus more desirable and will bring more students to the campus.

The renovation of Ames Hall is an excellent example of how the Campus Plan will create more academic space that can be used by all students, not just the residents of the Mount Vernon Campus. Many of the functions that now exist in Ames Hall will be moved to Pelham Hall upon its completion, allowing Ames Hall to be converted to academic space. The renovations and additions will add even more classrooms and academic offices which will be necessary as more students travel to the campus. This in turn will create an even greater demand for completion of other projects from the campus plan as well.

Thank you for your consideration. I wholeheartedly support the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

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Calder Stembel
The George Washington University, Class of 2011.

Collin Stevenson
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March 20, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission

Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th St, NW, Suite 201S
Washington, DC 2001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in full support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan. As a student I benefited immensely from the opportunity to escape city life in Foggy Bottom and enjoy fresh air watching a tennis match, soccer game, or Softball game at "The Vern". Resources like Eckles Library were ideal for studying and focusing on academics in a better setting. Mount Vernon is an invaluable part of the GW community, and this plan strengthens this campus in a sustainable way that makes it a responsible neighbor to the community.

The renovation of Pelham Hall is perhaps the largest development in Mount Vernon. There will be an increased number of residents living in a dynamic space. What is exciting about this community is the emphasis that will be placed in the arts and in public service. Students, from their first year, will be taught the importance of giving back to the community and I believe the neighboring areas will benefit immensely from a civically engaged corps of students living and learning in their neighborhood.

The campus plan shows consideration for our neighbors. Negotiations over limited flood lighting, sound walls, drainage, LEED certified building practices are all carefully considered ways to limit the footprint of our campus. The draw of Mount Vernon is its inherent beauty and natural setting; it only makes sense to preserve it through responsible development practices.

I am in strong support of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan, and sincerely hope you will be as well.

Regards



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March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

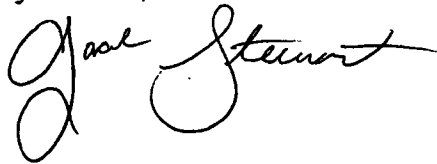
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been a student at The George Washington University for two years now, and both years I have lived on the Mount Vernon Campus. This campus has been a unique opportunity for students to study in Washington DC while living on a private, community-centered campus. The new changes that are coming to the Mount Vernon Campus are very exciting for students; it offers new areas for the facilitation of student life and the advancement of academic opportunities. These changes will allow for more students and professors to enjoy the benefits of attending GW and be a part of Mount Vernon Campus Life.

Since I am a student living on the Mount Vernon Campus, I understand that with these changes there will need to be appropriate measures taken to allow for the larger influx of students and faculty. This means that the adaptation of the Vern Express and providing space for emergency vehicles will be critical for the progress of this campus. In addition, the new Mount Vernon Campus Plan would include measures to respect the surrounding neighborhoods.

I hope that you approve of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan to allow for the progress in student development. With the new academic and student living changes taking place, its propositions will be essential for both GW students and the surrounding community. Next year, I will no longer live on the Mount Vernon Campus. However, I understand that the new role of this campus will allow for a wider availability for student life beyond those who live here. This plan will be an important tool for its success.

Thank you for your time,

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Jake Stewart
GW Student

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Washington, DC 20018

March 16, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

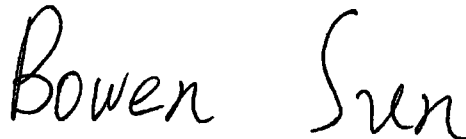
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing this letter to give my full support to the George Washington University 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. Currently I am an international graduate student in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. I have been with the Campaign GW team for over 6 months.

I found this plan very exciting: Future campus development and reallocation of currently proposed building uses; Balance of residential and academic space to enhance the living and learning community; Sustainable practices such as green buildings, storm water management, campus landscaping, open spaces; Improvements to public amenities and pedestrian pathways, etc. All of these can be of great benefit, not only to students in GWU but also the neighborhood as well. After these changes, I am sure my friends and I will visit the Mount Vernon Campus more and more, enjoy the sports games, and have great fun.

I am looking forward to these changes in our Mount Vernon Campus. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Bowen Sun

William Hunter Thomas
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March 12, 2010

Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

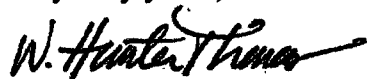
Since acquiring the Mount Vernon Campus in 1999, The George Washington University has worked to ensure integration and development of the 23-acre space students know as "The Vern." As a freshman student, I can attest to beauty of this campus, and can also identify several needs.

Some of the best aspects of the Mount Vernon Campus Plan include the changes to the entrances and exterior landscaping. The Whitehaven entrance will experience physical enhancements to make visitors and students welcomed. The new landscaping will also create a beautiful environment for neighbors, students, and visitors to enjoy.

Another great aspect of the plan involves the renovation of Ames Hall. Ames Hall is currently a student support area and houses a dining hall. The completion of Pelham Hall has brought more student space and a better dining facility. This will allow Ames Hall to once again be used as academic space. The renovations will make Ames Hall a focal point on campus as well as add valuable academic space to our university.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to attending the upcoming hearing.

Very truly yours,



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C/O 2013

March 24, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Unlike some George Washington students, I love the Vern. It's nice to get away from the bustle of Foggy Bottom sometimes and be in a quieter surrounding for a while. Also, come finals time, the library on the Vern usually has far less people in it than the main library and it's easier to find a space to study. I also like going up there during the spring to watch one of my friends play on the lacrosse team.

The Vern has one big problem though – it's really, really hard to walk around on. The road right next to the main athletic field has no sidewalk. You have to walk in the road and then jump into the grass when a car is coming by. Then, in order to get up to the dining hall and shuttle bus pick-up, you need to walk up a fairly steep hill that only has one winding path. The Vern needs more sidewalks! When I heard that there were new plans to put in more sidewalks I was thrilled. Please support the Mount Vernon Campus Plan so students can get around the Mount Vernon campus more easily.

Thank you,

Catherine Toor

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March 10, 2010

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

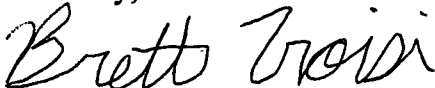
Dear Chairman Hood:

As a Sophomore Business major at the George Washington University School of Business, I am ever too familiar with first impression. The immediate feelings you get from a job candidate or a business proposition can make or break a deal. The same kind of impression is given upon the entrance into a building with a lobby or a home with a foyer. Equally impressionable is the front gate of a school.

The impression I get from the Mount Vernon Campus is not a good one. A scanty brick sign lines Foxhall Road and a sad sign marks the main entrance to the Mount Vernon Campus. I can't imagine this pleases St. Patrick's Day School, Mount Vernon Campus Residents, or neighbors as it doesn't make it any more desirable for me to make the 20 minute trek to this suburban campus.

However, the new Mount Vernon Campus plan solves this problem. The new physical enhancements to the White Haven entrance just might get me to venture their more often. I sure feel it will increase the desire for students to live, take courses, and retreat to the Mount Vernon Campus for all of the amenities and luxuries it currently has and will continue to gain under the plan. I look forward to viewing the Mount Vernon Campus as an asset to the George Washington University and District of Columbia Community and hope to see out the expected changes to this campus through graduation.

Sincerely,



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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

As a freshman student at GW, I lived on the Mount Vernon Campus. I was a member of the Women's Leadership Program, an honors program specifically designed for the Mount Vernon Campus as a tribute to its history as a women's college. I loved living there, and this feeling intensified partially because several of my classes were held right across the quad from my dorm. However, students who were not in the program generally had classes only on the Foggy Bottom campus. Needless to say, they were not enthused at the prospect of a bus ride each time they went to class, nor the idea of leaving extra early to accommodate traffic (especially for already painful 8 AM classes). I want more students to enjoy living on the Vern, and I believe that additional class space is a big step in the right direction.

The campus plan also contains some green initiatives. I helped to organize several green projects on the campus, and so these features are also important to me. Part of why I love D.C. is the presence of bountiful vegetation; the cherry blossoms are gorgeous, the shade of the big oak trees beckons when the temperature steadily creeps higher, and even the kudzu is pretty in its own way. Nowhere within GW is this greenery more present than at Mount Vernon. The campus plan's call for more trees to be planted along the perimeter will have the dual benefit of minimizing the lights and noise from students' activities while beautifying the surrounding community. The stormwater management system will reduce flooding, a feature that is especially relevant considering the several straight days of rain we had earlier this month. Foggy Bottom generally turns to "soggy bottom" (plus soggy feet, backpacks, and pantlegs!) when it rains. I would hate to see the Vern end up with similar drainage issues. I currently live in GW's first residence hall designed for LEED Silver certification and it's been a great experience. I've gotten spoiled with large quantities of bamboo and non-stinky fresh paint. The LEED certification is good not just for the community, but for the whole planet. I believe that these aspects of the plan create a winning situation for all involved.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wailes
The George Washington University '10
B.S. Biomedical Engineering & Biology



Jessica Yager
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March 22, 2010

In reply to: Zoning Commission Case Number 09-19

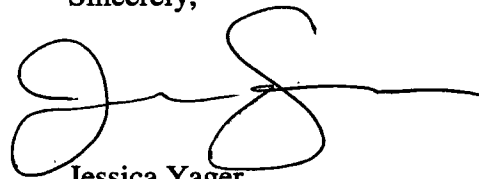
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
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Dear District of Columbia Zoning Commission:

As a third-year student at The George Washington University, I have had the opportunity to take multiple classes on the Mount Vernon campus, as well as to participate in extracurricular activities based on the Mount Vernon campus. Currently when I take the shuttle up to the campus, there are few sidewalks available for use to go to the academic buildings and residence halls. While this campus is a beautiful addition to our community, it will benefit from the addition of sidewalks.

I am excited to see that sidewalks will be improved and enhanced through the development project at the Mount Vernon Campus. Not only is it a safety issue for students, but also it will help to further beautify the campus. I am in total support of the improvements that are being proposed by the MVC plan (Case #09-19). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Yager', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jessica Yager
Student
The George Washington University