

October 14, 2015

VIA EMAIL

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Re: ZC Case No. 11-07E - Request for a Minor Modification to an Approved Campus Plan Further Processing Application – Proposed Revision to Permitted Construction Hours to Allow Work on Saturdays – Response to ANC 3D Resolution dated October 12, 2015

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

American University (“AU” or “University”) has received the resolution of ANC 3D, dated October 12, 2015, in opposition to the minor modification application. AU will not provide a point-by-point rebuttal of the issues raised in the ANC’s resolution, as AU believes that the information provided in the Applicant’s September 30, 2015 minor modification application fully and adequately addresses how the standards for minor modification approval have been satisfied.

This is a very simple request by the University-in order to maintain its construction schedule on the East Campus and provide the required number of on-campus residential beds by the fall 2016 semester, it is necessary to work on Saturdays. This conclusion is based on the expertise of AU’s internal project management team and their general contractor. AU is asking for permission to utilize construction hours that are available to all projects in residential zones. As noted in the September 30, 2015 submission, AU will continue the process of open dialogue with the community that has worked to date to address day-to-day construction related impacts on adjacent properties.

While ANC 3D has requested that a public hearing be held on this application, AU believes that a public hearing is not necessary for the Zoning Commission to determine whether it should grant the requested minor modification. Moreover, if a public hearing is scheduled for this minor modification application, the time that will have elapsed prior to the public hearing will make this request moot. In order to be of value to the ultimate construction schedule for the East Campus, the ability to undertake outdoor work on Saturdays must begin as soon as possible.

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Therefore, we request that the Zoning Commission approve this minor modification application at its October 19, 2015 Public Meeting.

Sincerely,


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