



BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION AND  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



FORM 129 – ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) REPORT

Before completing this form, please review the instructions on the reverse side.

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.2 and Subtitle Y § 406.2 of Title 11 DCMR Zoning Regulations, the written report of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) shall contain the following information:

IDENTIFICATION OF APPEAL, PETITION, OR APPLICATION:

Case No.:		Case Name:	
Address or Square/Lot(s) of Property:			
Relief Requested:			

ANC MEETING INFORMATION

Date of ANC Public Meeting:	D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Was proper notice given?:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description of how notice was given:													
Number of members that constitutes a quorum:					Number of members present at the meeting:								

MATERIAL SUBSTANCE

The issues and concerns of the ANC about the appeal, petition, or application as related to the standards of the Zoning Regulations against which the appeal, petition, or application must be judged (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):


The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the appeal, petition, or application (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):


AUTHORIZATION

ANC		Recorded vote on the motion to adopt the report (i.e. 4-1-1):	
Name of the person authorized by the ANC to present the report:			
Name of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson authorized to sign the report:			
Signature of Chairperson/ Vice-Chairperson:		Date:	

ANY APPLICATION THAT IS FOUND TO BE INCOMPLETE MAY NOT BE ACCORDED "GREAT WEIGHT" PURSUANT TO  
11 DCMR SUBTITLE Z § 406 AND SUBTITLE Y § 406.

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 12-15D  
EXHIBIT NO. 16



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

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District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 210-South  
Washington, DC 20001

January 27, 2025  
By Electronic Delivery

**RE: Gallaudet University**  
**Amendment to Campus Plan and Further Processing Application for The Merrill Learning Center**  
**Zoning Commission Application No. 12-15D**

Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

This letter is to advise you that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D supports the application filed by Gallaudet University to amend its Campus Plan as part of its plans to renovate and repurpose the Merrill Learning Center building. The Gallaudet University campus is located within the boundaries of ANC 5D. The public hearing before the Zoning Commission is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

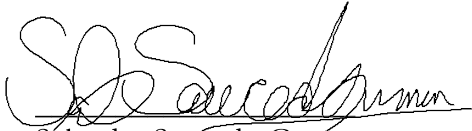
Gallaudet University representatives presented the Campus Plan amendment and Further Processing application to ANC 5D's Zoning and Development Committee at its meeting on September 19, 2024. The full ANC then considered the Application at its Committee of the Whole public meeting held on October 22, 2024. At its regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting on November 12, 2024, with a quorum present, ANC 5D voted to recommend approval of the Application by the Zoning Commission.

ANC 5D supports Gallaudet's request to amend the University's Campus Plan to facilitate the sustainable redevelopment of the Merrill Learning Center in the heart of the campus. The University shared with ANC 5D the very poor condition of the building, which long served as the University's main library. The ANC learned that the University plans to relocate the library functions to a new building consistent with the approved Campus Plan and will return to the ANC to review plans for that building at a later date following a successful fundraising campaign. In the present Application, the University intends to demolish upper floor portions of the building while retaining the basement level and then construct a glass entrance level pavilion containing café and gathering space. The University plans to repurpose the Merrill Learning Center space for a deaf archives, various learning and production studios, formal and informal lecture/study spaces, and technology labs, all designed using DeafSpace design principles.

The proposed renovation project will minimize the amount of construction debris needed to be removed from the campus and will also serve to open up the sight lines across the University's historic Gallaudet Mall.

For these reasons, the members of ANC 5D voted unanimously to support Zoning Commission Application No. 12-15D. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 5D on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Salvador Saucedo-Guzman

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D

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Hector Arbuckle

Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D