



July 21, 2026

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 16-18I

Dear Commissioners Hood, Miller, Wright, Imamura, and Stidham:

As you are aware, on December 1, 2016, the Georgetown University Campus Plan 2017 – 2036 was unanimously approved by the Zoning Commission (ZC Order No. 16-18). The twenty-year consensus Campus Plan represents the committed work of the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP)—which this Commission had a central role in launching in 2012. Since the 2017 Plan's adoption, university, student, hospital, and community leaders have continued to work constructively to ensure its effective implementation. These efforts have been demonstrated to the Zoning Commission through comprehensive annual compliance and enrollment and housing submissions, as well as several further processing and modification applications, all of which were approved unanimously by this Commission with full GCP support.

The collaborative work of the GCP is evident once again in connection with the university's application on behalf of the District of Columbia and the National Park Service (NPS) for an amendment to the Campus Plan and related special exception and variance relief to authorize construction of a boathouse at 3500 Water Street, NW. Plans for this important effort have been many years in the making. The project will not only fulfill the university's long-term goal of providing dedicated facilities for its men's and women's rowing programs, but will also activate the Potomac waterfront in support of the NPS-established Georgetown Nonmotorized Boathouse Zone and provide District-wide benefits by allowing public dock access at the new Georgetown boathouse while freeing up substantial capacity and storage space at Thompson's Boat Center, the public facility that currently houses the university's rowing programs and equipment. As outlined in the application materials, the university has worked closely with members of the community and reported directly to the GCP to ensure that community considerations have been taken into careful account and properly addressed throughout the planning process.

In light of all the foregoing, the GCP supports the requested Campus Plan Amendment and Further Processing and related relief and believes this boathouse project will result in shared benefits for the university, the residents of the Georgetown neighborhood, and the District.

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