



December 15, 2025

Chairman Anthony Hood  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 200S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**RE: Z.C. Case Nos 23-08A: Response to Applicant's December 8, 2025, Post-hearing Submission to the Zoning Commission**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

The Spring Valley Neighborhood Association (“SVNA”), a party in support in these proceedings, welcomes the opportunity to respond to Wesley Seminary’s (the “Applicant”) December 8, 2025, Submission (Ex. 50), and we appreciate the Zoning Commission’s consideration.

Our understanding is that, in exchange for NLC/SVWHCA agreeing not to appeal the Commission’s decision in the Campus Plan Cases (ZC 23-08(1) and/or ZC 23-08(A), Wesley will construct a “6-foot-high black metal ornamental Security Fence along University Avenue” in order to “provide additional safeguards for the campus from potential external and internal threats” (Ex. 50, at p.4). It is concerning that the Applicant would enter into such an agreement, particularly given the concerns raised regarding the need for NLC/SVWHCA’s requested fence, most recently by SVNA and ANC 3D representatives at the December 3 CLC meeting. Coming out of that meeting, it was our understanding that the Applicant would convene additional discussions with affected parties, including SVNA, ANC 3D, and ANC 3E, regarding the security fence prior to filing its post-hearing submission. Unfortunately, these anticipated discussions with other affected parties did not occur, and the Applicant NLC/SVWHCA entered into their December 5, 2025 Campus Plan Security agreement. In its deliberations, we would respectfully request that the Commission consider the following questions:

- (1) What are the “potential external and internal threats” that make this security fence necessary?**
- (2) Given the “long-standing discussions” between the Applicant and NLC/SVWHCA regarding the security fence (See 10/15/25 date of fence design drawing, Ex. 50, at p.24), why didn’t NLC/SVWHCA mention the requested security fence in any of its prior filings in this case?**

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Clarkson  
Spring Valley Neighborhood Association

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 15, 2025, copies of the attached were delivered via e-mail to the following:

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