

Letter in Support from a Normal DC Resident - Zoning Commission Case No. 87-23A

As a civil engineer and advocate for urban development, I support GW's proposed application for modification. While I do not find it ideal to reduce the number of required bike parking spots, I do agree with GW's assessment that the neighborhood provides sufficient surrounding bike amenities. In my opinion, it should not require so much documentation to change a building's use from office space to **university** office space. This likely contributes to the large number of vacant commercial parcels in DC. The letters of opposition that I read through center around concerns over reduced community retail space, which GW has generously satisfied in its updated plans. I would much prefer the existing buildings in my community be used for university work than continue to sit vacant. It is not useful for the neighboring businesses or the Office of Planning to demand that this parcel remain vacant. GW should be allowed to proceed.

Regards,

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