July 27, 2000 7pm 441 4th St., Room 220, Washington DC 20001
Roundtable Discussion on Campus Plans
How the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Campus Plans should or should not be altered?

I am Susan Baranano. I am a resident of Ward 2, Foggy Bottom area for some 20 years and I am also affiliated with the Ward 2 Democrats. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to state my ideas on campus plans. I know all of you will have to weigh all these positions to make your own conclusions. That leads me to my first comment.

1) How are you going to weigh all these positions? On what basis are you going to weigh all these positions? Please specify. Is a comment or concern from an individual resident only count 2 points, while the developers count 10 points? Is quality of life only going to count 2 points, while development is going to count 10 points?

2) My views are not properly represented on these boards and commissions. Please include such a person.

3) Please request accurate and specific information relating to campus plans. It is well known that Universities do not provide specific information on enrollment figures; traffic studies are done with wrong times and durations; loss of residence taxes is inaccurate; job increases are inaccurate: one University claims increased jobs manyfolds, yet only 25% of their employees are DC residents; loss of property taxes; loss of historic properties.

4) We all know that communities change within the shelf-life of a campus plan. Please include a checkup or follow-up time to evaluate campus plan, such as is done with grants.

   In Reg. 210.5 please specify interim use of land, and interim time. Please require that a full hearing and application be submitted for any interim use of land.

5) In Reg. 210.5 you state that the function for interim use of land by a college/ university is determined by BZA. What is your determination of a function of a university: property ownership, profit making. City services are still used whether a university becomes a new owner or user of a land.

6) Include matter of right in making decisions.

7) Boundaries of a campus plan are violated and are vague. Yet if a University buys beyond their boundaries they claim their boundaries don't change. However, if I buy my next door neighbors house my property boundary has changed. Therefore, the same principle should apply to Universities.

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8) Please install huge fines for violation and enforce these regulations. Perhaps order construction stops and apply negative points against their next projects

9) If a University expands beyond their boundary, prohibit them if they can provide that service or function within their boundaries.

10) PUD should apply. Provide relief in exchange for amenities. Some Universities say they provide privileges yet they really don't or limit it such that they can't be used in reality.

11) Notify individual condo or coop owners in buildings containing more than 25 units.

Change should be made now and not wait another 10 years to repeat the process again. Changes should be applied now. The residents are being hurt, steamrolled and razed. Election and ballot initiatives occur within 3 months.

12) What are you going to do if campus plans are not followed?