

**BEFORE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ZONING COMMISSION**

**Application of Gallaudet University
Amendment to Approved Campus Plan
800 Florida Avenue, NE,
Further Processing of Merrill Learning Center Renovation**

STATEMENT OF EXISTING AND INTENDED USES

The Property, Lot 4 in Square 3593, serves as the main campus of Gallaudet University. Development and uses on the Property are subject to a university campus plan approved by the Zoning Commission. The most recent campus plan was approved pursuant to Zoning Commission Order No. 12-15, which has subsequently been amended by subsequent approvals of the Zoning Commission. The campus plan remains effective through December 2027.

The University is proposing to partially demolish improvements at the center of campus known as the Merrill Learning Center, followed by limited above-grade construction. Historically, the Merrill Learning Center has served as the University's library. Library uses have been relocated temporarily following the Center's closure in 2022 and will be relocated to a new building on campus (following Zoning Commission further processing approval) at a later date. Following renovation of Merrill Learning Center, the building will contain a deaf archives, various studios, lecture halls, offices, informal meeting and gathering spaces and a small café area.

Because the approved campus plan contemplates total demolition of the Merrill Learning Center, Zoning Commission approval of an amendment to the approved campus plan is being requested in coordination with further processing approval of the renovation plans.