

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A ZONING APPLICATION

APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION FOR RENEWAL OF AN APPROVED UNIVERSITY CAMPUS PLAN

February 10, 2025

The Trustees for Harvard University (the “**University**”) hereby give notice of their intent to file an application (“**Application**”) with the District of Columbia Zoning Commission for review and approval of the renewal of the University Campus Plan for the University’s Center for Hellenic Studies (the “**Center**”) located at 3100 Whitehaven Street, NW, in the District of Columbia (Square 2155 Lot 802)(the “**Property**”). University use of the Property was first approved by the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment in 1961 (BZA Appeal No. 6430). The Zoning Commission most recently approved the Center’s Campus Plan in 2015 in Z.C. Case No. 15-06. The Property is zoned R-1A and is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E.

The Center serves as an educational center in the field of Hellenic Greek studies, through its extensive library holdings, by hosting colloquia and research fellows in the field, and by pioneering digital teaching technologies. The Center consists of a six-acre campus accessed from Whitehaven Street, NW, which is a short dead-end street running northwest from Massachusetts Avenue, NW, and terminating just below Observatory Circle. The Site abuts the Embassy and Chancery of the Kingdom of Denmark to the west, the Chancery of the Republic of Italy to the east, and Dumbarton Oaks Park to the south.

As provided in Subtitle X, Section 104, “Approval of a campus plan shall be based on the determination by the Zoning Commission that the application will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps, and will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property, in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps.” The University will demonstrate its compliance with these special exception considerations through its prehearing submissions and testimony at the public hearing on the Application, including providing detailed information pertaining to the following campus elements: (a) buildings and parking and loading facilities; (b) screening, signs, streets, and public utility facilities; (c) athletic and other recreational facilities; and (d) a description of all activities conducted or to be conducted on the campus, and of the capacity of all present and proposed campus development (11-X DCMR §101.8).

This application will be filed with the Zoning Commission under Subtitle X, Chapter 3, of the Zoning Regulations not less than forty-five (45) days from the date of this Notice, which is given pursuant to Subtitle Z, Section 302.6 of the Zoning Regulations. Land use counsel is Holland & Knight LLP. If you require additional information regarding the proposed Campus Plan renewal application, please contact Dennis R. Hughes (202-419-2448).