

EXHIBIT E

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D

Government of the District of Columbia



October 8, 2025

Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: American University Sports Center Campus Plan

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

American University has briefed ANC3D concerning its plans to add approximately 2,995 square feet to the second floor of the Sports Center. This appears to be a good way for the University to gain more space within an existing building. We do not perceive any likelihood that the surrounding neighborhoods will be seriously impacted either during construction or afterwards.

Given these conclusions, we see no need for a hearing in order to afford interested parties a chance to participate. We therefore recommend that the Zoning Commission consider this matter without holding a hearing. ANC3D held a regular scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting with a quorum (4) present on October 8, 2025 where this letter was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

Sincerely,

Bernie Horn, Chair

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From: **William Clarkson** <wclarksonv@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 9:04 PM

Subject: AU Neighborhood Partnership Submission

To: ANC 3D Office (ANC 3D) <3D@anc.dc.gov>

All - On behalf of the AU Neighborhood Partnership, I am submitting the enclosed memo for the record. The memo's recommendation has been adopted by the AUNP Steering Committee, and we would urge ANC3D to support AU's application before the Zoning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
William Clarkson
Community Co-Chair
AUNP Steering Committee

TO: AU Neighborhood Partnership (AUNP) Steering Committee
William Clarkson and Matt Bennett, Co-Chairs

FROM: AUNP Facilities Planning Working Group
Gerard Gallucci, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: Proposed Sports Center Renovation Project

At the September 30, 2025, meeting of the Facilities Planning Working Group, Edna Pate-Cloutier, AU's Director of Planning and Project Development presented an overview of AU's proposed renovation of portions of the first and second floors of the Sports Center Building, including the Jacobs Fitness Center. The proposed project is part of AU's comprehensive *Student Wellbeing Initiative*, which includes the nearly-completed Meltzer Center for Athletic Performance and Sports Center Annex projects that were supported by the AUNP and approved by the DC Zoning Commission in 2023 (ZC Order No. 20-21B).

In its current state, the Fitness Center includes an existing second floor mezzanine area with open space to the first floor below. The University wishes to demolish the mezzanine and infill the open area with a new slab to create additional space for student wellbeing and student health services, which would result in the addition of approximately 2,955 square feet of GFA to the 115,000 square foot Sports Center Building. As a result of this very modest increase in GFA, the University must seek approval from the Zoning Commission through the *Modification Without Hearing* process.

As presented to the Working Group, this minor increase in GFA is all internal to the existing Sports Center building and will not create any additional building footprint or lot coverage. The additional square footage, when coupled with the 35,000 square feet of GFA for the Sports Center Annex project approved in 2023, is

well below the 55,000 square feet of GFA approved by the Zoning Commission for the project site (Site 5) as part of American University's 2021 Campus Plan. The project will not result in any change of use to the existing and approved Athletic primary facility use designation set forth in the 2021 Campus Plan, as the Wellbeing Initiative integrates both Athletic and related Campus Life uses.

Following discussion among the members of the Working Group, it was determined that given the limited scope of this project and its location central to campus, the proposed Sports Center renovation would not create any adverse impacts on the surrounding residential community, and accordingly, the Working Group supports AU's efforts to seek Zoning Commission approval through the *Modification Without Hearing* process.

In order to meet the project delivery schedule, AU seeks to file its application with the Zoning Commission prior to the next regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting. Accordingly, I recommend that the Steering Committee review and adopt this recommendation now, to allow AU to include reference to the AUNPs support of this project in its submission to the Zoning Commission.