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Howard University Community Association

June 29, 2011

Mr. Anthony J. Hood
Chair, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Howard University; Central Campus Plan and New Residence Halls Further Processing Applications

Dear Chairman Hood:

On behalf of Howard University, the following two separate zoning applications are being filed today:

1. An application for review and approval of a new Central Campus Plan; and
2. An application for further processing, review and approval of two new residence halls.

The University respectfully requests expeditious review and approval of these applications. Timely construction of the proposed new residence halls is of critical importance to the University in response to a rapid, unmet increase in demand for on-campus student housing. As affordable rental housing becomes increasingly unavailable in the area around Howard, especially in the neighborhoods between Howard and the Columbia Heights Metro station, Howard's students are experiencing greater difficulty in locating suitable housing that is convenient to the campus. The result has been a long wait list for on-campus housing, with many students having to live several miles from campus. In addition, recruitment efforts are constrained by a shortage of adequate housing for underclassmen. The University is determined to address this need with the opening of the proposed new residence halls by no later than the 2014 academic year.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 11-15
EXHIBIT NO. 2

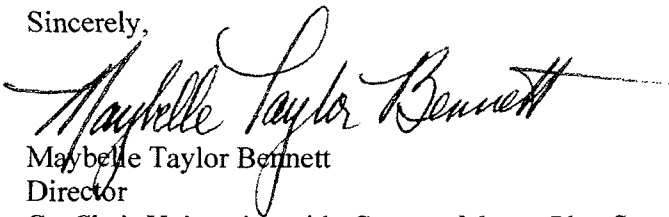


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Given that the University's new 10-year campus plan is due for submission as of today's date and zoning procedure dictates that the new residence halls further processing applications follow approval of the new campus plan, the two applications are being submitted simultaneously to facilitate consolidated review by the Commission. On behalf of the University, we respectfully request the Commission's assistance in scheduling back-to-back public hearings on the two applications at the earliest possible date.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maybelle Taylor Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maybelle Taylor Bennett
Director
Co-Chair University-wide Campus Master Plan Steering Committee

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