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Howard University Community Association

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Ms. Sharon Schellin  
Office of Zoning  
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 210  
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Cases 11-15 and 11-15A: Howard University  
Central Campus Master Plan and Further  
Processing for Student Residences

Dear Ms. Schellin:

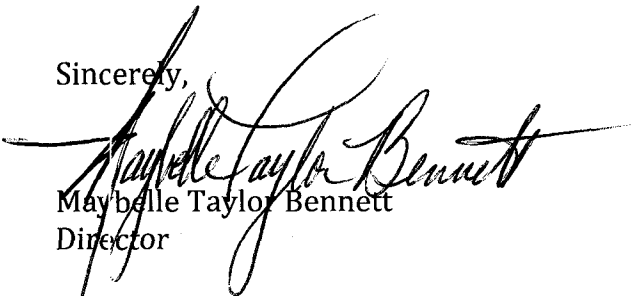
I am forwarding you letters I have received from various neighborhood entities in support of the Howard University Campus Master Plan and Further Processing for the student residences, which I am uncertain whether you have received separately.

For some of these groups, you may have already received these correspondences; however, in order to ensure there is a complete record, I am forwarding the letters enclosed herein.

Please let me know if there is any question you have regarding these materials.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Maybelle Taylor Bennett  
Director

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 11-15

EXHIBIT NO. 58



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B11  
Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness, Commissioner  
Government of the District of Columbia

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2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 100B  
Washington, DC 20009

September 1, 2011

Ms. Sharon Schelling  
D.C. Office of Zoning  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Second Floor Suite 210  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Howard University Campus Master Plan

Dear Ms. Schelling:

Single Member District ANC 1B11 unanimously supports the Howard University Campus Master Plan of 2011.

Ms. Maybelle Taylor Bennett and Mr. Michael Harris of Howard University, along with the architect and facility planner working with Howard on the campus master plan have made the following presentations to constituents of ANC 1B11 on the following dates at its regularly-scheduled meetings:

Thursday, April 14, 2011: Presentation on the overall campus master plan

Thursday, May 12, 2011: Presentation of plans for the underclassman dormitories

In these meetings, Howard University representatives and members of the team answered detailed questions from area residents in attendance at the meeting. It is our understanding that the underclassman dormitories will be among the first developments built if the campus master plan is approved and the residents of ANC 1B11 are the closest resident neighbors to this development.


We applaud the University for their policy of bringing their students closer to the main campus. The design of the new dormitories on Fourth Street, the presence of faculty members who will be in residence, and the location of living-learning uses within the buildings are features intended to ensure that the dormitory functions with few, if any, adverse impacts on the surrounding neighbors.

We support the University's objectives of enhancing the students' campus experience, expanding its research capacity and becoming more integrated into the neighborhoods that surround it. Our constituents look forward to the new retail that the University plans to

bring to Georgia Avenue that promises to enliven this entire community

We urge you to approve the Howard University campus master plan.

Thank you,



Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness  
Commissioner, ANC 1B11

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RE: Cases 11-15 and 11-15A Howard University  
Campus Master Plan and Further Processing for  
Student Housing


Dear Ms. Schellin:

The members of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association in attendance at the meeting held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 voted to support Howard University's campus master plan for 2011, with the following conditions:

1. In order to continue and improve on-going communications between the University and the Pleasant Plains Civic Association community the University should continue to hold regular meetings with the community advisory committee, at least quarterly, with a vice president of the University present.
- 2... The University should not leave any dormitory hall vacant for more than one year, more specifically Drew Hall.

The Pleasant Plains neighborhood looks forward to the revitalization of Georgia Avenue and the role the University's campus master plan will play in making this a reality, so we urge your support of the plan with the conditions listed above.

With regards,

  
Darren Jones  
President  
Pleasant Plains Civic Association

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Ms. Sharon Schellin  
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Re: Case 11-15 and 11-15A Howard University  
Campus Master Plan and Further Processing

Dear Ms. Schellin:

The Development Corporation of Columbia Heights (DCCH) supports the Howard University Campus Master Plan and encourages the Zoning Commission to vote for its approval.


DCCH has long recognized Howard University as a major economic engine along Georgia Avenue. The University's plan to build housing, retail, recreation, inter-collegiate and academic uses creates a long-awaited framework for the potential investment of private capital in the area.

DCCH has been active on Howard's Community Advisory Committee, the Community Campus Master Plan Task Force, and the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force. We are familiar with the local community's desire to see development, jobs and business opportunities come to this neighborhood as they are beginning to flourish in other neighborhoods across the city.

Howard University's campus master plan, once implemented can easily have the effect of accelerating the growth and prosperity in this community that will benefit area neighborhoods, the University and the city as a whole.

We hope you will approve the plan and jumpstart the revitalization of this segment of Georgia Avenue.

Sincerely,

  
Reverend Shirley B. Cooper  
Interim President/CEO

October 28, 2011

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Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chair, Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia  
c/o Ms. Sharon Schellin  
District of Columbia Office of Zoning  
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Second Floor Suite 210  
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Cases 11-15 and 11-15A Howard University Campus  
master Plan and Further Processing for Student Housing

Dear Chairman Hood:

The Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force (GACDTF) supports the 2011 Howard University Campus Master Plan and the Further Processing for the student residences located on Fourth Street, N.W. with the following conditions:

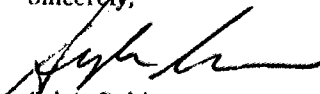
1. that the University continue to convene Community Advisory Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, with a member of the University's senior leadership attending the meetings;
2. that University student housing facilities that are vacated are not left vacant for a period of more than one year; and
3. that the University strengthen its infrastructure for improving relations between its students who live in off-campus housing and the residents who live in the communities where they reside along the lines recommended by the ANC 1B Design Review Committee.

The GACDTF is an organization with over 500 members on its mailing list who represent merchants, non-profit organizations and individual community residents. It was founded in December of 2009 to promote active citizen involvement in the redevelopment of Georgia Avenue. The Howard University Campus Master Plan has been the subject of a number of Task Force meetings, and represents an opportunity to enliven Georgia Avenue with additional retail, jobs and business opportunities in the area.

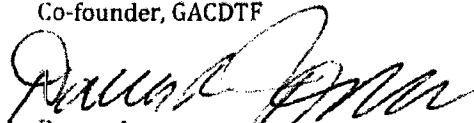
The GACDTF intends to continue to work closely with the University to ensure that these opportunities benefit area stakeholders and that the plan's goal of continuing to sensitively integrate the University within the community is fulfilled.

We hope you will vote to approve the plan with the conditions as outlined above.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Robinson,  
Co-founder, GACDTF



Darren Jones,  
Co-founder, GACDTF



**LeDroit Park  
Civic Association**

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November 3, 2011

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B  
2000 14th Street NW  
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Washington, DC 20009

**Re: Cases 11-15 and 11-15A, Howard University Campus Plan and Further Processing;**

Commissioners:

At our regular meeting on September 27, 2011, the LeDroit Park Civic Association voted to support the Howard University Campus Plan with the condition that Howard University be prohibited from leaving Slove or Carver Halls vacant for more than one year.

The university has made great strides in reducing its portfolio of vacant and blighted properties in LeDroit Park. However, the civic association worries that as the university shifts students out of Slove and Carver Halls per the university's campus plan, the university might leave the buildings vacant for unreasonable lengths of time. Vacant buildings attract crime and lower the quality of life for all residents.

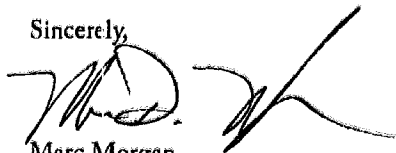
Campus plans and legally binding Zoning Commission orders are the best means LeDroit Park residents have to protect themselves from potential blight and vacancy.

Similarly, residents have requested that the university, before commencing construction projects, plan to minimize negative impacts of construction on the community. Such plans should address the routes trucks will take to and from the sites, rodent control, workers' parking locations, and other common construction issues.

The LeDroit Park Civic Association is a member of the university's Community Advisory Committee and was represented on its Community Campus Master Plan Task Force at almost every meeting.

We wish to commend Mrs. Maybelle Bennett, a Howard University official who has dutifully updated the association at several of our regular meetings over the past few months. Mrs. Bennett's consultations with the neighborhood in these and other fora have helped guide a campus plan process that was inclusive, informative, respectful, and collaborative.

Sincerely,



Marc Morgan  
President