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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B01 Government of the District of Columbia

September 26, 2011

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

Re: Howard University Campus Master Plan

Dear Ms. Schellin:

I am writing in support of the Howard University campus master plan and recommend that the Zoning Commission approve the plan as submitted.

Howard University's goals of improving the quality of life for its students on campus, strengthening its research capabilities and becoming more fully integrated into its surrounding community are all principles that will benefit our community. I am particularly pleased with the University's plans for building new dormitories to house students closer to the central campus, repurposing the dormitories located in my single member district for residential use, and extending "W" Street west from Georgia Avenue to connect with Florida Avenue.

Thirteen years ago, Howard University made major investments in SMD 1B01 through the redevelopment of over 40 properties they owned through the rehabilitation and new construction of homeownership housing which was sold to households of mixed income. In addition, they have assisted local CDCs in redeveloping another 30 units of housing for homeowners of low- and moderate- income, and have contributed to the restoration of two important historic landmarks within my single member district, the Mary Church Terrell House and the historic Howard Theater.

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All of these investments have added value to our community and created a catalyst for the transformation of the neighborhood.

The University's close working relationship with the community has been demonstrated throughout its community development efforts in LeDroit Park and in the planning for Howard's future direction over the next ten years. The many campus master plan presentations made to the LeDroit Park Civic Association, ANC 1B, and the ANC 1B Design Review Committee are evidence of these efforts, as are the numerous meetings it has convened of the Community Advisory Committee and the Community Campus Master Plan Task Force.

We support the University's direction and its ongoing commitment to strengthening its community ties, and we encourage you to approve its campus master plan.

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