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December 2, 2019

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th St NW, Suite 2015

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 06-11Q, 06-12Q, 01-17E, & 06-11R

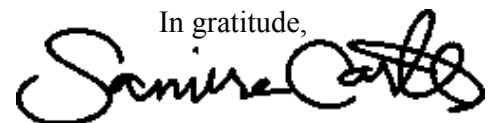
Dear Mr. Chairman,

My name is Samira Carter and I am a student at The George Washington University. I am currently a sophomore which means that only last year I spent quite a lot of time in the freshman residence hall, Thurston Hall. For the last year I've gotten to know Thurston hall and everyone who knows Thurston knows it's in need of a little update.

While we love Thurston for the sense of comradery and history it brings to GW I know there's more it could be offering us. Thurston renovations would provide new study and meeting spaces that would be more comfortable and pleasant for all students. One aspect that I'm most excited for would be the new dining feature. New dining options at GW are always welcomed positively and Thurston's would be no different. It would provide closer dining options for students and draw in more than just freshman which may lead to new friendships and a closer community in GW.

Thurston means a lot to all of the students here at GW which is why it should reflect how we feel about it. Thank you for your time and dedication to our city and school. I hope you will see how positive this renovation could be and I look forward to hearing your decision.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samira Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being larger and more prominent than the last name.

Samira Carter

Meredith Liu
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12/02/2019

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Room 201 South

Zoning Commission Case Number 06-11Q, 06-12Q, 01-17E & 06-11R

Dear Zoning Commission:

My name is Meredith Liu, and I am a senior at The George Washington University (GW) studying International Business and minoring in Economics and Sustainability. I am originally from Las Vegas, and I decided to attend school thousands of miles away from my family because I strongly believe that the biggest opportunities I would have in my young adult life would be at GW. In my almost four years attending school here, I can attest that my previous statement was in fact true, but I was only able to obtain those opportunities through the communities I have made at GW, and for this reason, I strongly support the proposed Thurston renovation.

Like many freshmen students first entering college, I had trouble adjusting and finding communities that would support me in all of my endeavors, and thus it wasn't until well into my freshman and sophomore years that I was truly able to succeed academically, professionally, and personally. The Thurston Hall renovations are an ideal solution to the problem that I among many other students face freshman year: build social and learning spaces for the biggest freshman residence hall on campus so that thousands of students can find communities right when they first step foot on campus. As I do more research on these plans, I only wish that I was able to partake in many of the plans the Thurston renovation proposal has my freshman year. Furthermore, I can personally substantiate the benefits from residing in a living and learning community as I was able to live in one of the new District House Affinities my junior year of college. Having the support of the other 15 students I lived with allowed me to not only feel at home away from home, but also gave me the support I needed to receive my summer internship and full time job offer that year. I can't even imagine the possible benefits that would arise from students having this type of community their first year of college.

I want to sincerely thank you for taking the time out of your day to consider my points. With my graduation approaching soon, my biggest wish is for future GW students to receive the same kind of support I did as I navigated college these past four years. Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing your decision.

Regards,



Meredith Liu

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December 1st, 2019

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 201S

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number **06-11Q, 06-12Q, 01-17E & 06-11R**

Chair Hood & Members of the Zoning Commission,

I am a sophomore at the George Washington University and I am writing to you to urge you to allow the renovations planned for Thurston Hall on GW's campus. On-campus, I am involved in Residence Life as I am a Hall Council Advisor for Residence Hall Association, a representative organization that is composed of 27 hall councils, one per each residence hall. Our organization's main goal is to "make every hall a home" as we seek to advocate for residents and build community within our halls.

The most pressing issue that in Thurston right now is that it is overpopulated. Over 1,000 students are crammed into the building, living in rooms of up to 6 people. This has made many first-year students uncomfortable and creates an unfavorable first-year experience. This issue is directly addressed with the new floor plans for Thurston, which, reduces the population down to 825 students in only single and double units. This will greatly enhance the first-year experience and help students feel more comfortable when moving in their freshman year.

Another on-campus issue that is addressed with the Thurston Renovation is an overwhelming lack of community space on our campus. Most residence halls on our campus have little to no space for the community to come together. This has led to a lack of community on campus which makes the residential experience unfulfilling for our students. With more space for residents to come together, it can make a major impact on a student's experience, especially their first year. Looking back, I wish I had the space that the renovations would give.

For these reasons and so many more, I hope that you all will approve the Thurston Renovations. This renovation will improve the residential experience for all GW students and is long overdue for the safety of our Thurston residents. Thank you all so much for your time, consideration and commitment to Washington DC. I look forward to hearing about your decision.

Sincerely,



Sally Kim

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November 20th, 2019

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street NW, Suite 201S

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number **06-11Q, 06-12Q, 01-17E & 06-11R**

Chair Hood & Members of the Zoning Commission,

I am a second-year student at The George Washington University and I am writing to you about the Thurston Hall renovations on GW's Campus this upcoming year. On campus, I am the Executive Vice President of the Residence Hall Association, a student-run organization that represents students in every one of GW's twenty-seven residence halls. In my role, I facilitate advocacy initiatives on the campus-wide level and in the individual residence halls. Therefore, I am well aware of the difficulties of living in Thurston Hall, which can be fixed with the Thurston Renovation.

One of the problems GW's campus struggles with is a lack of common space for students, especially in our residence halls. Thurston Hall, as the largest residence hall on campus, has a severe lack of common space despite housing approximately 1,200 students. As a former first-year student who lived in a similar residence hall with a lack of common space, I can say my residential experience is not what it should have been. There was a lack of community within my hall, which negatively affected my ability to create meaningful relationships with other students within my residence hall. Because of the Thurston Renovation, common space would be present on every floor as well as ample space in the lobby for various student activities. Community space is essential to any college experience; that is why it is imperative that the Thurston Renovation is followed through.

For the betterment of the student experience and our campus, I hope you decide to approve of the Thurston Renovation. The plan involves common spaces throughout the building, which would greatly serve our campus as a whole. Thank you for your time, consideration, and your commitment to the District of Columbia. I look forward to hearing your decision.

Regards,

Meredith Weiss

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December 02, 2019

Mr. Chairman
Attn: Chairman Anthony Hood
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 2015

RE: Zoning Case Number 06-11Q, 06-12Q, 01-17E & 06-11R

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Robert Dickson. I am a fourth-year undergraduate student from California studying political communication at GW. Although my time at GW is coming to an end, I want to take the time to write to the Zoning Commission to advocate my support for the Thurston Hall Renovation.

As a previous resident of Thurston in the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters, I can say first hand that the news of the Thurston Hall Renovation came with great excitement. I am excited to hear that university leadership is prioritizing the student experience by creating new community space, including a dining area with this project. I am glad that future generations of GW students will have this space to make friends and focus on their studies.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing the decision of the DC Zoning Commission.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Dickson