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**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

TIME AND PLACE: **Thursday, January 6, 2022, @ 4:00 p.m.**
**WebEx or Telephone – Instructions will be provided on
the OZ website by Noon of the Hearing Date**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

**CASE NO. 12-01E (The Catholic University of America – Amendment to an Approved
Campus Plan and Further Processing of a Campus Plan for The Catholic University of
America @ Square 3663, Lot 7)**

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANCs 5A, 5B, & 5E

Oral and Written Testimony

- All who wish to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged** to sign up to do so **at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify> – see below: *How to participate as a witness – oral statements.*
- All written comments and/or testimony **must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** – see below: *How to participate as a witness – written statements.*

The Catholic University of America (the “Applicant”) filed an application (the “Application”) on October 18, 2021, pursuant to Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Zoning Regulations of 2016, the “Zoning Regulations,” to which all references are made unless otherwise specified) requesting that the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia (the “Commission”) approve an amendment to, and further processing of, the 2012-2027 Catholic University Campus Plan (the “Campus Plan”) (Square 3821, Lot 44 – “Main Campus”; Square 3671 Lot 3 – “North Campus”; Square 3663 Lot 7 – “West Campus”) approved by Z.C. Order No. 12-01, as amended by Z.C. Orders No. 12-01A, 12-01B, 12-01C, and 12-01D to permit installation of an accessory solar facility on the West Campus of the University. The Solar Facility is located in the RA-1 zone.

The University seeks a modification of the Campus Plan and further processing approval to allow for the installation of an accessory solar facility on the University’s West Campus, a largely unimproved site located directly west of the Main Campus. This initiative is highly consistent with the University’s detailed and comprehensive Sustainability Plan FY 2021-2025 which promotes clean and efficient energy. The proposed solar facility will occupy approximately 25 acres of the remaining 41 acres of the West Campus and will be the largest array in the District. It will occupy the entire area that was formerly designated for a parking lot. Landscape screening will be installed. The array will directly support the District’s renewable energy goals and will create research opportunities for Ward 5 high school and university students.

The proposed solar facility will generate approximately 11,000 MWh per year which is equal to roughly one-fourth of the University’s annual energy consumption. The University typically uses