



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D
371 Morse St. NE
Washington, DC 20002

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-South
Washington, DC 20001

By Electronic Delivery

Re: Gallaudet University Amendment to Campus Plan Zoning Commission Application No. 12-15C

Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

This letter is to advise you that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D supports the application filed by Gallaudet University to amend its Campus Plan, which is scheduled for hearing before the Zoning Commission on November 4, 2021.

Gallaudet University presented its Campus Plan amendment application to ANC 5D at its regular monthly meetings on September 14, 2021, and on October 12, 2021. The University likewise made a presentation to the ANC's Zoning and Development Committee at its meeting on September 16, 2021. At its regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting on October 12, 2021, with a quorum present, ANC 5D voted to recommend support of the application to the Zoning Commission.

ANC 5D supports Gallaudet's request for various amendments to the University's Campus Plan to facilitate the development of the adjacent Planned Unit Development along 6th Street, NW, including construction and dedication of a linear open space known as Creativity Way, the relocation of a small segment of a campus service road, and the transfer of a small amount of land from the Campus Plan to the PUD. The ANC also supports Gallaudet's plans to install a memorial garden on the campus grounds to commemorate the history of the Black Deaf student experience at the University. The ANC is excited by the plans shared for these publicly-accessible open spaces and believes they will be a welcomed addition to the community.

Finally, ANC 5D supports the University's request to extend the validity of its current Campus Plan approval for an additional five years, to December 2027, given the unprecedented effects of the COVID health emergency and Gallaudet's needs to comprehensively study its future needs and priorities once the emergency passes.

For these reasons, the members of ANC 5D voted unanimously to support Zoning Commission Application No. 12-15C. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 5D on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley S. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some overlapping letters.

Comm. A. Sydelle Moore
Chairperson, ANC 5D