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VIA IZIS

Zoning Commission for the
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Re: Z.C. Case No. 20-29A / Prehearing Statement
Trustees of Harvard University / Dumbarton Oaks
Application to Amend Campus Plan and Further Processing**

Dear Members of the Commission:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Trustees of Harvard University (the “Applicant”), the applicant in the above-referenced application, which seeks (1) approval of an amendment to the 2020–2040 Campus Plan for the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection (the “Campus Plan”), and (2) further processing of the amended Campus Plan pursuant to 11-X DCMR § 101.9 (the “Application”). The public hearing on the Application is scheduled for November 6, 2023. This prehearing statement is submitted no less than twenty (20) days prior to the public hearing in accordance with 11-Z DCMR § 401.5.

The primary purpose of the Application is to allow for the construction of the Farrand House in lieu of a previously planned greenhouse. The Farrand House will consist of approximately 10,000 square feet of floor area, and will be comprised primarily of classrooms, a digital humanities center, an artists’ studio, and public galleries. It will be visited by DC Public School students on a regular basis as part of Dumbarton Oaks’ regular educational programming.

The Application was filed on June 27, 2023. Since then, the Applicant has been in communication with community stakeholders, including residents and businesses in proximity to Dumbarton Oaks and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2E. On September 25th, the Applicant met with Commissioner Daniel Chao, whose single member district includes Dumbarton Oaks. On October 2, 2023, ANC 2E considered the application at its public meeting, and voted unanimously to support the proposed Campus Plan amendment (8-0-0). *See Ex. 12, ANC 2E Report.*

The Applicant will continue to coordinate with community stakeholders, the Office of Planning and DDOT. Should any questions or comments be raised that require a formal response in advance of the public hearing, the Applicant will submit any such response to the case record.

Thank you for your considerate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Leila M. Jackson Batties
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cc: Certificate of Service (via email)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 13, 2023 a copy of the attached prehearing correspondence to the Zoning Commission in connection with Z.C. Case No. 20-29A (Application to Amend Campus Plan and Further Processing) was served on the following:

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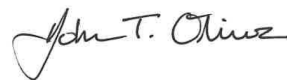
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