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BY E-MAIL

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Eric D. Shaw
Director
District of Columbia Office of Planning
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Dear Mr. Shaw,

Georgetown Day School first proposed almost two years ago to expand its school and build a mixed-use commercial project in Tenleytown. It filed a PUD for its project more than six months ago. GDS had represented to the ANC and the public that the Office of Planning (OP) generally supported the density and height that GDS sought in the PUD. This March, however, GDS amended its PUD to reduce the height and density sought because, GDS said, OP had changed its position and stated that it could not support a set down of the original proposal. OP made neither its original advice to GDS nor its later advice public.

We do not opine here as to whether OP's (purported) original position or new position is "correct." Rather, I write to share the Commission's disappointment in both OP and GDS for holding such extensive discussions in private about what may, in OP's opinion, be built in our neighborhood. The public good would have been better served by a public discussion of OP's advice and the options available to GDS for responding to it.

We would like to invite OP to attend our July meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2016, to address these issues and set expectations for the future. Please let me know if you will attend.

Thank you in advance, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

ANC 3 E authorized me to write this letter by a vote of 4-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on April 14, 2016, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, McHugh, Quinn, and Wallace in attendance.

Jonathan Bender
Chairperson, ANC 3E

CC: Russell Shaw