

March 12, 2018

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case No. 11-07G, Exhibit 69

Dear Chairman Hood,

The signors of this submission are active supporters of American University's ("AU" or the "University") Community Liaison Committee ("CLC"). The community associations involved in this submission represent approximately 1,000 residents of neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the University's main campus. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") and ANC Commissioners signing this letter include within their jurisdictions residents adjacent to AU. Many of the signatories to this letter opposed AU's campus plan in 2011 and were frustrated by the contentious process that characterized negotiations with the University to formulate that campus plan.

That said, we support the operations of the CLC and agree with the University's description of CLC operations in the University's Exhibit 69. The CLC provides a useful forum through which the concerns of the University's neighbors can be raised and discussed. At the same time, with the deliberations on the next AU campus plan approaching, our neighborhood organizations have been pursuing an additional engagement framework, the Neighborhood Collaborative, which works in conjunction with the CLC and which we believe will enhance the work of the CLC by providing a functional, responsive, and consensus-based approach to issues that impact the community.

Over the past year and a half, immediate neighbors of AU's main campus have been in discussions about how to improve relations between the University and its neighbors. The goal has been to improve the day-to-day interactions between the University and the community and to lay the groundwork for a future campus planning process that is more cooperative and beneficial to all parties. Discussions about the direction of the Neighborhood Collaborative have occurred at CLC meetings in December 2016, March 2017, June 2017, and December 2017. Those discussions have informed, altered and improved the content of this submission.

The central element of this revised Neighborhood Collaborative is the establishment of community-wide workgroups focused on the key topics of university-community relations. Membership in these workgroups, which also includes AU representatives, is open to neighbors within the surrounding community, not just those who live adjacent to the main campus, who are willing to work alongside other community members to explore issues and offer policy suggestions/solutions.

While there are no changes to the CLC, the Neighborhood Collaborative can help strengthen the operations of the CLC and enhance dialogue between the University and relevant community stakeholders. Members of the community (regardless of CLC membership) can suggest topics for the workgroups to study. Progress updates will be shared for discussion with the CLC during CLC meetings and workgroup conclusions will also be communicated to the community at CLC meetings. The staff work done by the workgroups of the Neighborhood Collaborative will facilitate decision making by the CLC, the University, the community institutions and the community as a whole.

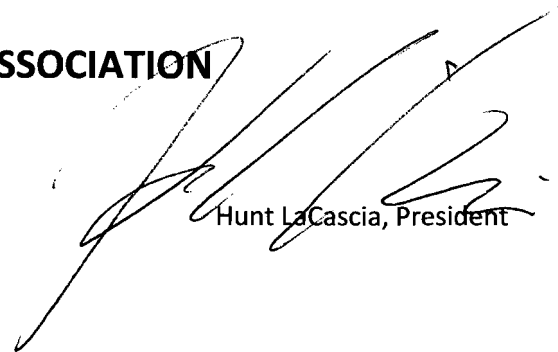
American University has informed us that it supports this enhanced approach to University/neighborhood relations.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3D¹



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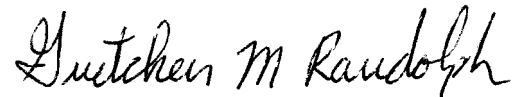
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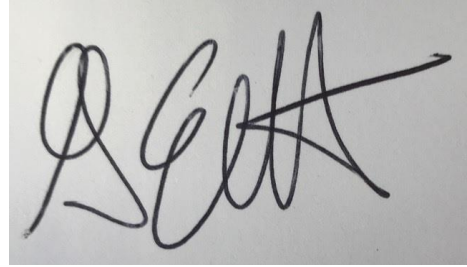
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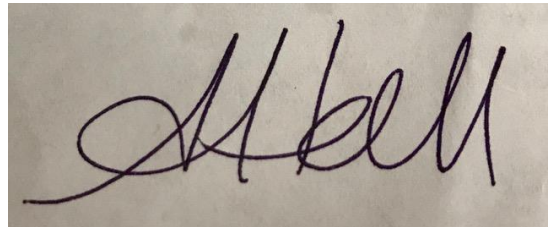
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¹ Approved 8-0 at a regularly-scheduled meeting on March 7, 2018, with a quorum of 5 present.

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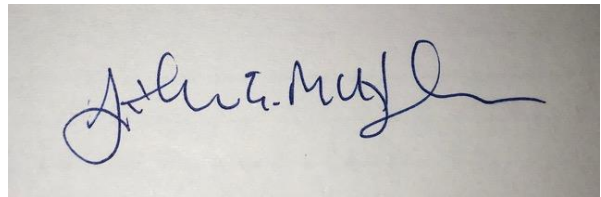
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Jonathan McHugh, Commissioner 3E05

² ANC3E commissioners are signing in their individual capacity since the next regularly-scheduled meeting of ANC3E is March 15, 2018.

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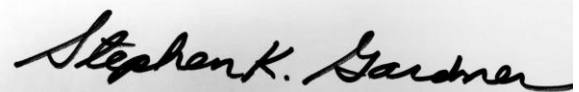
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