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c/o John Wheeler
4304 Yuma St. NW
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November 20, 2017

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

Re: Case No. 11-07G –Further Processing of a Campus Plan for American University

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

Ward 3 Vision joins ANC 3D, Westover Place, the DC Office of Planning, and others in supporting American University's application to amend its Campus Plan to build a new academic science building. American University ("University") and neighbors and neighborhood groups have worked more closely together on this project than has been done previously. That is reflected in the number of parties supporting the project.

Pursuant to the Zoning Commission's order approving the University's Campus Plan, a Community Liaison Committee was created. This year, to improve the dialogue between the University and its neighbors, a "neighborhood collaborative" has been created which will report to the Community Liaison Committee. Independent of the University, but with its support, a "neighborhood forum" has also been created. The forum is functioning to educate neighbors on the Campus Plan process, such as how to get involved, the role of the DC government, including the Zoning Commission, and how universities operate as a business. We believe that these three groups are contributing to much greater and more effective communication between the University and its neighbors. The University's meeting with its neighbors on the Science Building reflects this better coordination.

Several parties have raised issues concerning how many parking spaces the University has been required to provide. Whatever the answer to that question is, it's important to know that the University currently has many more parking spaces than is needed by users. Arguing about how many are required ignores this reality. There are many factors contributing to this decreased demand for parking. The University is well-served by transit including its own transit system, and the University charges market-rate for parking on campus. Additionally, the University's student body has entered into an

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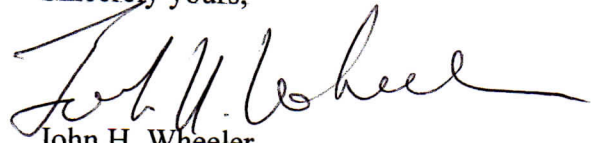
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agreement with WMATA where students, for \$136 per semester (\$1.00/day) obtain a pass, called U-Pass, that allows them unlimited rides on Metrobus and Metrorail (including Metrobus to Dulles Airport).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John H. Wheeler

Member of the Ward 3 Vision
Steering Committee