Resolution Regarding the Concerns of ANC3B for the Effect of Georgetown University’s 10-Year Plan on Glover Park and Surrounding Neighborhoods

Whereas Georgetown University has presented its draft 10-Year Plan for public comment and reaction in advance of seeking approval for a finalized version from the District of Columbia;

Whereas the Glover Park Citizens’ Association, the Burleith Citizens’ Association and the Citizens’ Association of Georgetown have joined together to voice their concerns, to wit:

that the proposed increase in graduate student population is not accompanied by any provisions for housing the additional 3,205 students;

that such an increase is likely to tilt the balance in some areas from a mix of owner-occupied and rental properties to encourage more conversions to rentals, which could downgrade property values and quality of life;

that the proposal to increase the height of the power plant’s smokestack to 83 feet requires a serious assessment of any negative health and environmental effects;

and other concerns about the impact of medical school expansion, a new road through parts of Glover-Archibald Park, and the failure of the university to adequately control off-campus student behavior;

Whereas the Glover Park community contains a valuable balance of families, students, seniors, and other adults of all kinds, living in a mix of owned homes and apartments, and rental properties;

Whereas maintaining this balance is critical to quality of life for all Glover Parkers;

Whereas an increase in the student population or the number of rental properties could upset this balance;

Whereas the potential saturation of available housing by students in the surrounding communities that may be a consequence of GU’s plan to expand enrollment but not housing could have a direct effect on Glover Park by encouraging conversions of homes to rental properties to accommodate a growing need for rental units;
Whereas ANC3B believes in offering support to its neighbors when they are trying to resolve problems that either we share or we hope to avoid;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC3B opposes the Georgetown University 10-Year Plan.

Furthermore, be it resolved that ANC3B will write a letter of concern to the President of Georgetown University requesting that the 10-year plan be modified; and

Furthermore be it resolved that ANC3B will write a letter of support to citizens associations and organizations opposing the 10-year plan.

The Resolution was properly introduced, seconded and passed (3-0) on May 13, 2010.

Ave  Present  Absent
Commissioner Blumenthal  Commissioner Fiorillo  Commissioner Lane
Commissioner Cohen  Commissioner Kreitzman
Commissioner Kreitzman, Vice Chair  Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary