



FACT SHEET: THE IMPACT OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY 2010-2020 PLAN

The DC Zoning Regulations require that any use contemplated in a campus plan not be "likely to become objectionable to neighboring property." (Zoning Regulations section 210.2) Expressing grave concerns about the negative consequences of the GU Plan, three Advisory Neighborhood Commissions have voted to oppose it.

- In 2000, the Office of Planning stated that there were too few GU students living on campus pushing many to live in and disrupt the surrounding neighborhoods.
- In 2003, GU added the Southwest Quad dormitory with 780 undergraduate beds, stating that the number of students living in the neighborhood by 2010 would decrease, and that total enrollment would be under 10,000.
- Total GU enrollment has increased to over 14,000 students, with the new 2010 Plan calling for a new overall cap of over 16,000 students by 2020.
- The GU Plan proposes no additional on-campus housing to accommodate the increase of approximately 4,000 students since 2000.
- Georgetown and Burleith group rental houses have jumped from 180 in 2000 to 230 in 2010, and will only increase under the current Plan.
- Rental properties currently represent almost 50% of the homes in Burleith alone. One hundred thirty-four of these homes are unlicensed, thus not complying with DC safety codes.
- The GU Plan in no way addresses the adverse effects of "added traffic, added rental houses, added density, added noise, added parking space demands, deferred home maintenance and decreased property values." (ANC 3D Resolution, 3/2/2011)
- These adverse effects threaten the quality of life and continued viability of the surrounding neighborhoods.
- GU has the second most expensive university housing in the country, thus encouraging students to live off campus and leaving empty beds on campus.
- Strict party rules govern students on campus, but do not apply to those living off campus, resulting in disruptive behavior that residents experience daily.
- In 2000, there were 1,194 police calls for disorderly conduct and in 2009, there were 1,650 calls from residents in Georgetown and Burleith.
- Traffic in the streets surrounding GU is already congested, and the 2010 Plan, while not addressing existing problems, will add 1,000 parking spaces and direct cut-through traffic into Burleith and Georgetown.

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