



PRESS RELEASE

COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH TO TESTIFY BEFORE ZONING COMMISSION TO OPPOSE GU CAMPUS PLAN

At a meeting of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association on March 16, Mary Cheh (Ward 3) said that she would testify to oppose the 2010-2020 Georgetown University (GU) Campus Plan at the Zoning Commission hearings beginning in April. At this same meeting, members of the the Foxhall Association voted to seek status as a “party in opposition” to the Plan. Residents of Georgetown and Burleith hope that Councilmember Jack Evans will agree to testify on their behalf as well.

Opposition continues to mount. On March 2, 2011, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, which represents the neighborhoods of A.U., Foxhall, Kent, New Mexico/Cathedral, Palisades, Spring Valley and Wesley Heights, joined their colleagues on the Georgetown and Burleith Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E and the Glover Park and Cathedral Heights Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B to oppose GU’s 2010-2020 Campus Plan.

On a vote of 8-0, the ANC 3D commissioners expressed “the desire to preserve the quiet, residential character of our neighborhoods” by opposing the Plan. The resolution discusses the negative effect of the “significant increase in graduate student enrollment—from 3500 students in 2000 to 6,275 students in 2010 to 8,750 students in 2020”—that “is likely to generate a similar increase in students living in the adjacent communities or traveling through them, with attendant issues of added traffic, added rental housing, added density, added noise, added parking space demands, deferred home maintenance and decreased property values.”

This unprecedented unity and support underscores the grave concerns these neighborhoods and their representatives share about the negative consequences of the expansion proposed in GU Plan.

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