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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D
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Dear Commissioners:

I understand that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D will consider the Georgetown University Campus Plan at its February 2 meeting. During the past year, I have been following the development of Georgetown's Campus Plan and wish to share three major concerns that Ward 3 residents have expressed to me:

1. Growth in Graduate Student Enrollment: Residents of Foxhall are concerned that Georgetown's proposal to increase in graduate school enrollment by over 2,000 students, without building housing for these additional students, will force more students to live in their community.

2. Construction of a Loop Road: Residents living near Glover-Archibold Park are concerned that building a road alongside the western edge of Georgetown's property will create noise, light, and air pollution. It also seems that this road may violate a scenic easement held by the National Park Service.

3. Installation of a Roof on Kehoe Field: Residents whose properties overlook Georgetown are concerned that the University's proposal to add a roof to Kehoe Field will create an eyesore.

The National Park Service has told me that it is reviewing the proposed Campus Plan and will soon opine as to whether the loop road would violate its scenic easement. I will visit Georgetown soon to see the proposed loop road and want to meet with the University in order to see what adjustments can be made to the Campus Plan to address the concerns of Ward 3 residents.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions have a prescribed role in reviewing zoning matters and their recommendations are to be given "great weight" by the District government. I know that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D will consider the concerns of Ward 3 residents when reviewing Georgetown's Campus Plan next week and I just wanted to add my voice to express serious doubts about Georgetown's current proposal. I look forward to hearing the Commission's views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember, Ward 3

cc: Bob Avery, President, Foxhall Community Citizens Association