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By Hand Delivery

Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson District of Columbia Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 06-17

Application of The District of Columbia Public Schools and The George Washington University for Consolidated Review and Approval of a Planned Unit Development and Amendment to the

Zoning Map

Supplemental Filing

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

On April 3, 2006, the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS") and The George Washington University ("the University" or "GW") (collectively, the "Applicant") submitted its Application for Consolidated Approval of a Planned Unit Development ("PUD") and a Zoning Map Amendment for property located in Lots 829 and 55 in Square 80 (the "Subject Property"). This matter has been scheduled for a public hearing on October 30, 2006.

On June 23, 2006, the Applicant submitted its sixty-day pre-hearing submission to the Zoning Commission in support of the above-mentioned "PUD". Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3013.1(d), the Applicant provides the following additional information to supplement its previous filings:

Revised Architectural Drawings, Elevations, and Context Photographs (<u>Attachment A</u>), updating the plans included as <u>Exhibit H</u> in the June 23, 2006 pre-hearing submission, to incorporate changes in the project design that have been made as a result of continued design evolution in response to the comments from the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Commission of Fine Arts; Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson October 10, 2006 Page 2

- Revised Tabulation of Development Data (<u>Attachment B</u>), updating the tabulation included as <u>Exhibit I</u> in the June 23, 2006 pre-hearing submission to reflect the aforementioned revisions to project design; and
- Resumes of the proposed expert witnesses listed in the June 23, 2006 prehearing submission (<u>Attachment C</u>), including Sean O'Donnell, Robert Perry and Christopher Graae (architecture), Anne H. Adams (historic preservation), and Jami Milanovich and Nancy Randall (traffic). Resumes of additional (non-expert) witnesses have also been provided for the Commission's reference.

Ongoing Design Review

Since the filing of the June 23, 2006 pre-hearing submission, the Applicant has continued to work closely with the Historic Preservation Office ("**HPO**") within the Office of Planning with respect to the preservation of the historic Grant School. The Applicant presented the Grant School portion of the project for concept review by the Historic Preservation Review Board ("**HPRB**") on June 22, 2006 and on September 28, 2006. The HPRB was supportive of the project and the concept of a contemporary addition to the Grant School. A copy of the HPRB Staff Report and Recommendation is included in <u>Attachment D</u>.

Further, the Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") has jurisdiction over both the GW and DCPS portions of the project. The Applicant received concept approval for both the DCPS and GW portions of the project from CFA in April 2006, and letters indicating that approval were attached to the June 23, 2006 pre-hearing submission as Exhibit J. With respect to the DCPS portion of the project, the Applicant is continuing to work with CFA as they refine the design. The Applicant received revised concept approval from CFA for the DCPS portion of the project in September 2006, and a letter from CFA indicating that approval is included in Attachment D.

The Applicant has made modifications to project design in response to comments from both HPRB and CFA, and these design changes are reflected in the plans attached as <u>Attachment A</u>. The Applicant will continue to work with both HPRB and CFA, as appropriate, and respond to comments and concerns raised by these entities. The Applicant therefore requests flexibility to address design refinements and materials selections that may be requested by HPRB and/or CFA prior to issuance of building permits.

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Conclusion

The opportunity presented by the programmatic and development partnership between DCPS and GW can only be realized at the current location of the School Without Walls, the historic Grant School in Square 80. In addition to the continuation of the long-standing programmatic relationship between the two organizations, this development partnership provides funding to DCPS for the modernization and expansion of an aging public school facility and enables the University to provide additional oncampus undergraduate student housing. This public-private partnership is made possible only by the unique co-location of the Grant School and an underdeveloped University-owned parcel on adjacent lots.

We look forward to presenting this case at the public hearing scheduled for October 30.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this letter and enclosures were hand

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