



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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September 23, 2019

Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
Zoning Commission  
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**RE: Zoning Commission Application for a Modification of Consequence to Extend the Third Expanded Use Groups for GW’s Lerner Health & Wellness Center at 2301 G Street NW (ZC #02-26D)**

Dear Chairman Hood,

At its regular meeting on September 18, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Goldin, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supported – and the Zoning Commission approved – The George Washington University’s (“University”) request in Zoning Commission Case No. 02-26C (2014) that certain new classes of users be permitted access to the Lerner Health and Wellness Center (“Center”) for a five-year term expiring in September 2019,

WHEREAS, this group included:

- Foggy Bottom and West End residents living in zip codes 20006 and 20037 (maximum 150 during the academic year with 100 additional memberships available during the summer months),
- Participants and spectators for primarily non-spectator-driven athletic events,
- Attendees at certain periodic or short-term events,
- Residents living in GW housing facilities during the summer term,

WHEREAS, the University is seeking to extend the eligibility of these groups to use the Center for an additional 16 months, to December 31, 2020, and use this time to evaluate future use plans for the Center,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has not received any constituent complaints about objectionable impacts associated with the increased number of users eligible to use



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the Center, but notes that the West End Citizens Association has indicated that it opposes this request<sup>1</sup>, and

WHEREAS, the University has committed to engaging in discussions with ANC and other community stakeholders in the course of this evaluation with the goal of setting permanent use conditions beyond the 16-month period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in view of the Commission’s support for this application five years ago, the lack of residential complaints regarding the Center’s operations since, and the University’s commitment to working with the community on permanent use conditions beyond the term of this temporary extension, ANC 2A supports this application.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Vice Chairperson

CC: David Avitabile, Counsel for the Applicant  
Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations, GW

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<sup>1</sup> WECA’s communication to the ANC states that: “the [WECA] Board voted to oppose GWU’s request for a Modification of Consequence of Condition of Approval – extension of non-student users – for the **Lerner Health and Wellness Center** (ZC No. 02-26, Square 42, Lot 55) which, despite the Foggy Bottom-West End community’s opposition from day 1, was unfortunately located at the edge of GWU’s campus and abutting Foggy Bottom’s densely-populated residential neighborhood.”