



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

June 24, 2020

Mr. Andrew Trueblood
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RE: The George Washington University’s COVID Reopening Plan

Dear Director Trueblood,

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2020, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (8-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, institutions of higher education in the District of Columbia have ended their semesters early by most sending students home and transitioning to online classes through the end of the spring semester,

WHEREAS, given the magnitude of this moment, DC Health and the Office of Planning (OP) are reviewing, providing feedback on, and recommending the approval or rejection of higher education institutions’ return-to-operations plan for the upcoming Fall 2020 semester,¹

WHEREAS, the George Washington University (GW) has submitted a re-opening plan to OP and DC Health for consideration and approval, to determine a safe and orderly return to in-person and/or mixed educational operations in the upcoming semester, and^{2, 3}

WHEREAS, the student and residential community has a vested interest in being at the table in those conversations in a formalized manner.

¹ Mayor’s Order 2020-067. *Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia*.

² DeGroot, Lia. “GW to seek District’s approval for fall plans by early July.” *The GW Hatchet*. gwhatchet.com/2020/06/09/gw-to-seek-districts-approval-for-fall-plans-by-early-july/

³ “Plan for Fall 2020: Prepared for the District of Columbia Office of Planning and Department of Health.” *The George Washington University*. campusadvisories.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs2891/f/downloads/COMM-1920-8_FallPlan_GWReport_6-15-2020_v3_accessible.pdf



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages the Office of Planning to include ANC 2A as a party to the review of the George Washington University’s proposed re-opening plan, to include feedback and suggestions from the ANC and the community, specifically with regards to the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan and public space best practices to keep everyone safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A authorizes Commissioners James Harnett, Detrick Campbell, and Jeri Epstein to represent the ANC in those discussions and to provide the aforementioned feedback and suggestions on a proposed re-opening plan to OP, DC Health, and GW.

Commissioners James Harnett (2A08@anc.dc.gov), Detrick Campbell (2A07@anc.dc.gov), and Jeri Epstein (2A06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

James Harnett
Acting Chairperson

CC: Mayor Muriel Bowser
Chairman Phil Mendelson, DC Council
Jeff Marootian, Director, DDOT
Kenny Marable, Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT
Nicole Goines, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services