

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board Old Georgetown Board 401 F Street NW, Suite 312 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On June 30, 2025 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting, the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on July 3, 2025:

OG 25-252 (HPA 25-304) 3500 Water Street, NW (Square 1179, Lot 800,805)

ANC 2E is excited for the Georgetown University Crew Team to have a permanent home. ANC 2E supports this application from Georgetown University understanding that the ANC expects the following from the University regarding the proposed design—some of which needs to be included in the next stage of OGB review and some of which needs to be addressed in the city MOU and zoning agreement that will be required for this site.

- 1. Dock for Public Access: ANC would like the proposed design to provide greater public access. We are making this request early in the process with confidence it can be easily addressed. As noted, the size of the dock for unrestricted Public Access is currently very small. ANC 2E understands that the University is working with the city and NPS on how to increase the size; we look forward to seeing a larger public dock. We also understand that the main part of the dock may be available to the public when GU isn't using the site. The details on availability and hours has yet to be defined, thus the greater importance of a larger public dock.
- 2. Space Reserved for Private Vehicles Parking: The public area and street in front of this site does not allow for University's private transportation needs. ANC 2E has been told by the University that the proposed design will allow the University to store all its private crew-related vehicles on the site. Further to parking, it is understood that University staff will have contracted, University-paid for parking spaces elsewhere. Visiting teams will also be directed elsewhere and told not to drive to this site given the road cannot

accommodate large crew vehicles. ANC 2E will work with the University to solidify this understanding in the expected zoning agreement and MOU with the city.

It should also be noted that it is unclear (per the drawings) what the plan is for an existing bike lane immediately in front of the street side entrance of the building. This bike lane will continue to exist, thus the University needs to determine how to include this already existing lane into their plans. The existence of this bike lane is just another example of the importance of a plan to accommodate University vehicle needs.

- 3. Bike Parking: ANC 2E assumes the University will include bike parking on its site and we expect the next version of the proposal to include this important detail.
- 4. Greenery: The University intends to include a greenery design in its next version of this proposal.

ANC 2E supports this project and looks forward to working with GU in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, ANC 2E