

**WESTOVER PLACE HOMES CORPORATION**

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Re: June 9, 2017 Grievance filed by the Spring Valley – Wesley Heights  
Citizens Association (“SVWHCA”)

Dear Dr. Aw, Ms. Argo, Mr. Khalid and Mr. Taylor:

I am responding on behalf of the Westover Place Homes Corporation (“WPHC”) to the June 9, 2017 grievance submitted to American University (“AU”) on behalf of the SVWHCA. This grievance was submitted to AU pursuant to Art. II, Step 1 of the Community Liaison (“CLC”) Mediation Guidelines. WPHC acknowledges receipt of the June 23, 2017 response of AU to the June 9, 2017 grievance and protest of SVWHCA.

For your information, WPHC is an independent homeowners association organized under the laws of the District of Columbia. WPHC has 149 unit owners and is located between Massachusetts and New Mexico Avenues on the east side of the AU campus.

I am President of the WPHC Board of Directors and have been authorized to make this submission by the WPHC Board of Directors. The WPHC Board, pursuant to WPHC’s by-laws,



rules and covenants speaks for its community whose views it seeks to reflect based on regular and transparent dialogue.

Like SVWHCA and other community associations around or affected by AU, WPHC has long worked and will continue to work on issues of community concern posed by AU. The goal of such collaboration is to make sure that AU and other relevant bodies, including DC regulatory authorities, understand the concerns of AU's neighbors and, where necessary, to take action to protect the issues of its constituents. The present size, shape and characteristics of the AU East Campus underscore the positive benefits of working cooperatively with such associations and with AU. WPHC believes that the benefits for its community have been and will continue to be achieved through an ongoing dialogue based on mutual interest, transparency and mutual trust.

Among the issues which WPHC shares with other associations, like SVWHCA are, without limitation, a clear/legally binding cap on AU enrollment, future campus plans, evolution/enlargement of the AU footprint, security in and around AU, traffic, and environmental pollution, among others. WPHC intends to continue to engage with AU on these issues working where and when appropriate with other neighborhood groups and associations.

However, WPHC does not support the grievance and protest that has been filed by SVWHCA. The WPHC Board believes that the neighborhood collaborative and mediation process that has been established through the CLC is (like the CLC itself) a vital, legitimate and necessary vehicle through which to address, in a transparent and constructive manner, and hopefully resolve, short of litigation and/or regulatory redress, issues that are faced by AU and its neighbors. WPHC supports that process and is working diligently with AU on an issue of current concern with AU – the fulfillment of AU's commitment to create and maintain a substantial buffer of trees and plants between the AU East Campus and the WPHC community. This neighborhood collaborative process through the CLC has resulted in an ongoing positive/constructive dialogue that WPHC expects will achieve the desired goals for its community.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Craik, President  
WPHC Board of Directors

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Claire Craik, hereby certify that on this 28 day of June 1017 I served the following response of WPHC to the June 9, 2017 SVWHCA Grievance and Protest on the following by email:

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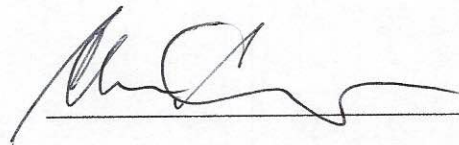
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Craik', written over a horizontal line.

Claire Craik