



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

March 22, 2026

District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW  
Suite 200-S  
Washington, DC 20001

## **Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Extended Work Hours for Lisner Auditorium ADA Accessibility Project, George Washington University**

Dear Members of the Commission,

As Commissioner for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, I am writing to express my strong support for the extended hours application submitted by The George Washington University (GW) for the accessibility project at the Lisner Auditorium.

I understand that the proposed permit would allow the university’s contractor to conduct work with a start time as early as 4:00 a.m. and concluding by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on most days. This request covers the summer construction cycle, beginning mid-May 2026 through approximately mid-October 2026.

This extension is required to complete essential modernizations, specifically the installation of a new elevator and ADA-compliant restrooms, without disrupting the auditorium’s summer usage schedule. By beginning work at 4:00 a.m., the most intensive construction can be completed before daily events and rehearsals commence, ensuring the venue remains operational for the public.

I support this request based on GW’s commitment to mitigating community disruptions:

- **Interior Focus:** Because the work is primarily interior, noise impact on the surrounding area during early morning hours is expected to be minimal.
- **Operational Coordination:** The schedule is designed to balance construction needs with the cultural and academic activity of the venue.
- **Proactive Engagement:** The university continues to coordinate with stakeholders to monitor noise levels and address community concerns.

I appreciate the university’s proactive engagement with the community and its efforts to ensure these long-awaited accessibility improvements are delivered with minimal neighborhood impact.

I encourage the Commission to approve this proposal, allowing the university to move forward with this vital inclusive project while balancing timely completion with consideration for the adjacent community.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Commissioner, ANC 2A03