

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to present the updated 2011 Campus Master Plan for Howard University. It is an ambitious plan that reflects changes in our physical environment to support the academic renewal of the University.

Howard University's prominence in scholarship focused on the African Diaspora, science, health care disparities, social justice, the arts and cultural heritage disciplines will be strengthened as academic programs are enhanced and investments are made in substantial renovations of the physical plant including new academic facilities.

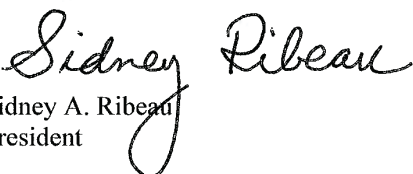
Building upon our legacy of excellence in teaching African American students, the University is poised to become a world-class research institution. The development of state-of-the-art facilities that will attract researchers and generate new discoveries designed to address the challenges of the 21st century are of very high priority in our renewal efforts.

When fully realized, our students' quality of life on campus will be enhanced. The plan calls for new student housing, activity, fitness, recreation and athletic facilities. New residence halls will be located closer to central campus in a more nurturing environment where academic progress can be better supported, student safety can be improved and greater integration into the life of the campus can take place.

The University's plan for mixed use development along Georgia Avenue fulfills the vision of the *DUKE PLAN* and creates a revitalized setting near the Shaw-Howard metro station. It will also include other arts and cultural uses like the Howard Theater that make a unique destination location in this section of the city.

Finally, in this plan, the University proposes to modify its physical surroundings with a commitment to employ sustainable development strategies throughout implementation. From our transportation and traffic management to our focus on enhancing the landscape, this plan is a progressive approach to the protection of our environmental resources. The University looks forward to receiving the support of the Zoning Commission and continuing the mutually beneficial partnership with the city it has enjoyed for many years.

Sincerely,


Sidney A. Ribeau
President

