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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter as a University Relations reference for Bob Andrew to the position of Director of Communications and University Relations at Western Washington University.

My role is as Dean of Freshmen, based at the Mount Vernon Campus of The George Washington University in Washington, DC, as for both the Foggy Bottom urban campus and the Mount Vernon campus with rolling hills, athletic fields, and grass. I have worked with Bob Andrew since 2002 in his capacity as President of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association (FCCA) on a quarter-to-quarter basis at community communication meetings. These were setup as part of the 10-year Campus Plan, to go over any issues of concern to neighborhoods, and we used them as well to develop neighborhood interest in University events: e.g. summer outdoor movies, Fourth of July picnics, etc.

My predecessor Dean Grae Baxter worked closely with Bob on defining our 10-Year Campus Plan as required by DC Zoning law, and apologizes for not being the one writing this: her current role with graduate school scholarships has her flat out this week, but is available for follow-up at (202) 994-6816.

Our 1999 Campus Plan was somewhat unique in DC, in that it was not a 10-year renewal as for the other University campuses in the DC consortium. Rather, Mount Vernon College had been a small, all-women's college that had been largely financially supported by a single alumna, and with her demise the financial future was not good. The George Washington University acquired Mount Vernon College in an amicable agreement, and the 1999 Campus Plan was both a long-term plan as well as seeking immediate approval for a dorm expansion, athletic fields, multi-story garage, and a new southern entrance.

The FCCA community is about a half-mile south of our campus, and in the mediated campus planning process, Bob and the other FCCA representative, Past President Scott Polk, gave deference to the immediate Palisades community neighbors on issues such as light and noise, but weighed in on issues affecting traffic, such as the student commuter bus routes, offsite parking, late night events, etc., as well as streetscape aesthetics.

Bob also documented the process and outcome at <http://www.foxhall.org/campus/MVCPlan.htm>, which is a useful institutional memory snapshot for all of us. He has the unswerving support of this institution: don't let him get away and be snatched up by another employer. We know he has passion for both Communication and University Relations – such opportunities to match up the right talent being available with the staffing need don't come along that often.

Sincerely,

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and Dean of Freshmen