

SUMMARY OF DIVISION 5
PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT

Division 5 - Criminal Law and Individual Rights - and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Subcommittee of the D.C. Bar, wrote to encourage Mayor Barry to support a requirement that institutions receiving the benefits from the sale of D.C. revenue bonds be required to comply without exception to the D.C. Human Rights Act. Specifically Division 5 believes it is essential that Barry include provisions in the Georgetown Bond Act which will make it clear that the University must comply with the D.C. Human Rights Act before Georgetown can receive the benefits of the sale of the city bonds.

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Mayor Marion Barry
District Building
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Dear Mayor Barry:

On behalf of Division 5 and the Gay & Lesbian Rights Subcommittee of the D.C. Bar, we are writing to encourage you to support a requirement that institutions receiving the benefits from the sale of D.C. revenue bonds be required to comply without exception to the D.C. Human Rights Act. Specifically we believe it is essential that you include provisions in the Georgetown Bond Act which will make it clear that the University must comply with the D.C. Human Rights Act before they can receive the benefits of the sale of the city bonds.

The District of Columbia has a well-earned reputation of fighting discrimination in all areas of society. As a member of the Council and as Mayor you have been at the forefront in our fight to rid the city of all forms of hatred and bigotry, regardless of the new and sophisticated disguises it may wear. As a result our city is known for having one of the most effective Human Rights laws in the country. We all take great pride in this fact.

We understand you are considering the Georgetown Bond Act and will be resubmitting revenue bond legislation to the Council in January. We urge you to reaffirm our city's commitment to human rights by requiring institutions which receive the benefits from the sale of these public backed bonds comply, without exception, to the D.C. Human Rights Act.

The views expressed herein represent only those of Division 5 (Criminal Law & Individual Rights) of the District of Columbia Bar and not those of the D.C. Bar or its Board of Governors.

Sincerely,

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