UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE REOPENING PLAN ACCEPTANCE

1. Under Section VII.2. of Mayor’s Order 2020-067 and Section VI.5 of Mayor’s Order 2020-075, the Office of Planning, in conjunction with the Deputy Mayor for Education and the Department of Health, is directed to implement a campus plan acceptance process for colleges and universities by July 1, 2020 to plan for safe reopening. A Reopening Plan must demonstrate that a college or university will meet the requirements of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Colleges and Universities or explain how any deviation is consistent with the intent of the Guidance. That Reopening Plan must also include prevention, containment, and mitigation measures; and communication and data collection plans.

2. On June 11, 2020, American University (“Applicant”) filed an application for the review and acceptance of its Reopening Plan (“Reopening Plan”), the Reopening Plan was finalized and updated on August 12, 2020.

3. Following review of the Application, the Reopening Plan and consultation with American University officials, the Office of Planning, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Education and Department of Health, finds that the Reopening Plan as finalized satisfies the requirements of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Colleges and Universities, and it is therefore ACCEPTED.

4. The Applicant must adhere to their Reopening Plan as finalized.

5. Notwithstanding acceptance of the Reopening Plan, and regardless of whether Applicant adheres to it, if the Applicant’s operation is observed to create conditions that unduly risk the spread of COVID-19, the Applicant may be required to take additional measures.

6. If the Applicant wishes to depart from the Reopening Plan, it must submit an application to amend the Reopening Plan for review and acceptance.

Approved: ____________________________________________

Andrew Trueblood

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