

**Resolution 007**  
**A Resolution to Increase Affordability of the Capital Bikeshare Program**  
**Sponsored by: Senator Sharpe**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Carey, Senator del Carmen**

***Whereas,***

Students of The Catholic University of America utilize many methods of transportation throughout the DC Metropolitan area, including the Capital Bikeshare Program.

***Whereas,***

Modes of transportation, such as Uber, Metro, and the Capital Bikeshare Program often cost more than most Catholic University Students can comfortably afford; however, the need for such transportation outweighs the cost in many cases.

***Whereas,***

The DC Department of Transportation announced that the Capital Bikeshare program is offering discounted annual memberships for students enrolled in Washington D.C. colleges and universities. This initiative, dubbed the CaBi University Membership Program, is facilitated by the District of Columbia's Department of Transportation.

***Whereas,***

An annual Capital Bikeshare Membership costs \$85. For students who attend a University enrolled in the CaBi University Membership Program, however, an annual membership costs \$25 per year. A student can opt in to this yearly membership for the discounted rate of \$25 only after that student's university joins the CaBi University Membership Program.<sup>1</sup>

***Whereas,***

There is no additional cost to the University for opting in to the CaBi University Membership Program. The \$25 annual membership fee falls on the student if he/she chooses to opt into the program.

***Whereas,***

The DC Department of Transportation works directly with University staff to implement the program and provides marketing materials.<sup>2</sup>

***Whereas,***

There are two Capital Bikeshare stations on Catholic University's Campus; one near Millennium North and Millennium South and the other near the Brookland/CUA Metro stop. In addition, there are over 550 Capital Bike Share stations and over 4,500 individual bikes in the District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/university-membership-program>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/ddot-announces-reduced-capital-bikeshare-annual-membership-dc-college-students>

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**Whereas,**

Implementing the CaBi University Membership program at The Catholic University of America would give students a less expensive method of transportation, while also expanding access to environmentally sustainable transportation options.

**Whereas,**

Utilizing Capital Bikeshare bikes decreases emissions, bolstering campus sustainability and awareness of the need to reduce individual carbon footprints by students at The Catholic University of America.

**Whereas,**

Georgetown University and George Washington University are enrolled in this program.<sup>4</sup>

**Be it enacted that,**

The Student Government Association, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that

1. The Office of Parking and Transportation Services enrolls Catholic University in the CaBi University Membership Program.
2. The Office of Transportation and Parking Services launch a marketing initiative informing students of this program after the University is enrolled.

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_ not present.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/university-membership-program/schools>

