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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council to urge the District of Columbia Housing Authority to prioritize and develop a “Build First” model of reinvestment in Greenleaf public housing as part of its redevelopment strategy.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council Supporting a “Build First” Model of Reinvestment in Greenleaf Public Housing Resolution of 2015”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

(1) Greenleaf public housing, located in Southwest D.C., makes up 455 important units of public housing, much of which is dedicated to senior and disabled residents, and multiple bedroom family housing. Greenleaf public housing includes Greenleaf Gardens, Greenleaf Senior, Greenleaf Extension, and Greenleaf Addition, all located in Ward 6.

(2) The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) has initiated a planning process for the reinvestment and replacement of Greenleaf public housing.

(3) The Greenleaf and surrounding Southwest community share significant concerns regarding potential displacement of current Greenleaf public housing residents as part of the DCHA future redevelopment.

39 (4) The Office of Planning, as part of its extensive small area plan process,
40 recognized these concerns and included recommendations in its Southwest Neighborhood
41 Plan, which was approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on July 14, 2015.

42 (5) The neighborhood plan recommends developing a strategy for keeping
43 current residents in the community during and after construction and redevelopment,
44 including identifying potential "Build First" sites.

45 (6) The Southwest community, including Advisory Neighborhood Commission
46 6D, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and the Southwest Community Benefits
47 Coordinating Committee, has expressed a strong desire to support a "Build First" model for
48 Greenleaf public housing replacement.

49 (7) In light of DCHA's status as an independent public agency, and
50 recognizing the importance of protecting the needs of the Greenleaf and Southwest
51 community, the Council makes a statement on the issue.

52 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council of the District of Columbia that DCHA should
53 prioritize and develop a "Build First" model of reinvestment in Greenleaf public housing to
54 better preserve this important housing availability and the Southwest community that
55 currently calls it home.

56 Sec. 4. The Chairman of the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon
57 its adoption, to the District of Columbia Housing Authority, the Deputy Mayor for Planning
58 and Economic Development, and the Office of Planning.

59 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of
60 publication in the District of Columbia Register.