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A RESOLUTION

16-687

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 20, 2006

To approve the proposed Convention Center Area Strategic Development small area action plan submitted by the Mayor.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Convention Center Area Strategic Development Plan Approval Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 4(c)(4) of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Act of 1984 Land Use Element Amendment Act of 1984, effective March 16, 1985 (D.C. Law 5-187; D. C. Official Code § 1-301.64(c)(4)), the Mayor transmitted, on April 24, 2006, to the Council the proposed Convention Center Area Strategic Development Plan ("Plan") dated February 2005.

Sec 3. The Council finds that:

(1) The Plan was initiated in October 2003 by the Office of Planning to respond to concerns raised by residents living in areas subject to the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans for Clusters 7 and 8, and to further goals identified in the Downtown Action Agenda completed in 2000.

(2) The focus of the Plan is an area located directly north of downtown in the area around the Washington Convention Center in the southeast corner of Ward 1, the northeast portion of Ward 2, and 4 blocks of a northwest portion of Ward 6, and is generally defined by U Street, N.W., and Florida Avenue, N.W., to the north, New Jersey Avenue, N.W., to the east, Massachusetts and New York Avenues, N.W., to the south, and 12th Street, N.W., and Vermont Avenue, N.W., to the west.

(3) The Plan, the product of a 20-month planning process, responds to market analysis, community input, and goals of the District to guide public and private investment in this part of the District.

(4) The Plan documents existing conditions and recommends strategies to address affordable housing, retail, public space, and publicly owned properties within the project area.

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(5) The Plan uses specific land use analysis to incorporate the broadest range of planning techniques and practical solutions to achieve the District's goals and objectives.

(6) The Plan details several critical revitalization components that frame significant issues and strategies for renewal of the area. These components include historic preservation, market economics, land use, transportation and urban design.

(7) The Plan makes specific recommendations to facilitate near and mid-term strategies for retaining affordable housing and guiding ground-floor retail, articulates broad development strategies, urban design guidelines and priority actions necessary to give direction to investments made within the Convention Center Area.

(8) The Plan will provide supplemental guidance to the Zoning Commission and other District agencies in carrying out the policies of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan.

Sec. 4. The Plan as submitted by the Mayor is hereby approved by the Council.

Sec. 5. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.