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**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AMENDING THE
 HOMELESS SHELTER REPLACEMENT ACT OF 2016**

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WHEREAS; ANC 1B agrees with the Administration and the Council that DC General should be closed; that there is a great need for transitional housing, social services, and community-based programs that support those in need; and that for success, implementation of these programs is best addressed at the local, ward-based level with community involvement throughout all phases of planning, development, and execution;

WHEREAS; ANC 1B is committed to organizing and facilitating public discussions that are required to ensure a successful outcome; the Commission’s committee structure is perfectly suited to review the building’s design as it relates to zoning and planning, and advise on an array of social services for residents both of the proposed Ward 1 Shelter and its neighbors; furthermore, all ANC 1B meetings are open to the community and provide residents many opportunities to contribute;

WHEREAS; ANC 1B looks forward to the public discussions and future town halls held in conjunction with the Administration and the Council and will work to take that information to provide sound recommendations to the appropriate city agencies in areas such as zoning, planning, social services, transportation, and other considerations; this formal procedure has proven to ensure that Commissioners and the neighborhood are well informed on all aspects of every project before the Commission;

WHEREAS; the initial proposal for the Ward 1 short-term family housing facility was to involve a refurbishment of a blighted historical structure, the former Morning Bright Church, along with new construction, with assurances that the new and modern building would complement the look and feel of the neighborhood, and include the following:

- Playground & recreation space,
- Computer lab for residents,
- Common dining area, and,
- Ongoing support services & programming for families;

WHEREAS; ANC 1B strongly believes that fully integrating residents of the Ward 1 Shelter into the community is not just sound policy, but rather it is a moral imperative, and we stand ready to work with the Administration to develop a plan where all the requirements of this project are exceeded, the walls between neighbors remain low, and the neighborhood continues to realize the tangible and intangible benefits that come from supporting each other.

WHEREAS; ANC 1B has been successful in negotiating agreements and bringing together residents, businesses, and developers on many large and difficult projects such as,

- The Grimke School, which will expand the African American Civil War Museum and bring new residential development while maintaining the character of the neighborhood;
- The Wren, formerly “965 Florida Avenue,” which will greatly increase number of affordable housing in the community, anchor the neighborhood with a grocery store, and contribute over \$500,000 in community benefit dollars for local retailers’ assistance, a business incubator, and a community grant program for employment training and job preparation skills;
- Trellis House, formerly “Barry Place,” which has brought community development funds that have remodeled and refurnished the community rooms at Ledroit Apartments and Garfield Terrace and has plans to deliver a jobs training program for residents within the surrounding area of the site; and,
- Park Morton & Bruce Monroe, which will bring a mixed-income and mixed-use development fully replacing 147 public housing units, adding additional affordable and market rate housing, and providing retail opportunities, community amenities, programmed parks, and green space for the neighborhood.

WHEREAS; the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016 should be amended to revise the location of the new Ward 1 temporary shelter as follows:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this act may be cited as the "Homeless Shelter Replacement Amendment Act of 2017."

Sec. 2. Section 3(a)(1) of the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016, effective July 29, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-141; 63 DCR 11132), is amended to read as follows:

"(1) The Mayor is authorized to use funds appropriated for capital project HSW01C –Ward 1 Shelter to construct a facility to provide temporary shelter for families experiencing homelessness containing no less than 35 2- and 3-bedroom apartment-style units on District-owned land at 2500 14th Street, N.W., Square 2662, Lot 205; provided, that the contract for the construction of the facility shall be awarded pursuant to a request for proposals to be issued by the Department of General Services; and further provided that the site may also be utilized to locate permanent supportive housing units for seniors and the Rita Bright Recreation Center".

WHEREAS; ANC 1B encourages the Administration to make use of every possible square inch of development space at the new Ward 1 Shelter site, and exceed the proposed 35-unit target and reach for an even greater number of permanent supportive housing units than discussions have recently targeted at fifteen, while at the same time achieving all of the promises made for the previous site location;

WHEREAS; the development of a new property provides opportunities to incorporate energy conscious solutions, including but not limited to solar installation, green roofs, and other features that contribute to a gold or platinum LEED certification, into development plans that offset building operation costs and generate additional revenue, while at the same time supporting the city's commitment to sustainability and ANC 1B's commitment to supporting the community's transition to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; and

WHEREAS; ANC 1B understands costs are always barriers to big ideas, and proposes that half of the 2500 14th Street, N.W., Square 2662, Lot 205, the building where the current Rita Bright Recreation Center is located, should be assessed for surplus and development through a regular RFP process, without a permanent loss of its current programs, to provide additional funds for the Ward 1 Shelter, noting that the high land value of this location can be leveraged to negate the costs to providing the best services and environment for our new neighbors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B SUPPORTS the proposed amendment to the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016 to revise the location of the new Ward 1 temporary shelter site.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: The Chair or any Commissioner as delegate of the Chair, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to and testify before any agency of the Government of the District of Columbia or the members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

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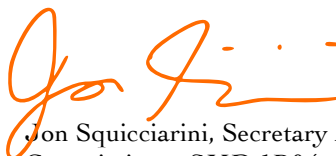
After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 11 Commissioners present at its December 7, 2017, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



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