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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2018-007 Regarding Mayor Bowser to Fund the University of the District of Columbia Budget Request Level

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is the only public urban land-grant institution of higher learning in the District of Columbia, and it requires an appropriate level of investment - operations and capital - to improve graduation and professional certification outcomes;

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser's goal is to create "Pathways to the Middle Class";

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia is a critical participant in ensuring that District residents in all 8 wards have the opportunity through education, and skills to reach the middle class;

WHEREAS, 72% of UDC degree-seeking students are District residents and despite many challenges, the University's programmatic innovations and achievements have propelled many of them to success;

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, the Control Board cut the University's budget over 50% and in retrospect, it has been acknowledged that the cuts were too deep;

WHEREAS, successive Mayoral administrations have funded minimum requests, the deep cuts, however, stymied long range planning and execution on operations and infrastructure and generated health and safety challenges with University buildings;

WHEREAS, maintaining a system of public higher education in the District requires a strong flagship offering undergraduate and graduate degrees, a viable branch campus (Community College) and a school of law to fulfill the residents and statehood aspirations;

WHEREAS, the University needs a long range funding commitment of an additional \$46.3 million in operating subsidy over the next four years over its current FY2018 base of \$78.6 million and a \$724 million infusion of capital funding over the next ten years.

WHEREAS, this investment will enable the University to improve academic programs and modernize infrastructure in order to increase the number and quality of degrees and professional certifications awarded, which will create more "Pathways to the Middle Class";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C strongly urges:

- (1) Mayor Bowser consult regularly with the University leadership to be attuned to the University's needs and challenges;
- (2) Mayor Bowser fund the operational and capital modernization needs of the University of the District of Columbia at the requested level; an additional \$46.3 million in operating subsidy over its current FY2018 base of \$78.6 million through FY2019 thru 2022 and a \$724 million infusion of capital funding over the next ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C fully supports this budget priority and urges Mayor Bowser to provide the University of the District of Columbia with the resources necessary to achieving the "Pathway to the Middle Class" for all District residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and/or her designees are authorized to represent the Commission in this matter.

Attested by

Nancy J. MacWood

Chair, on March 19, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on March 19, 2018, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.