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ANC3C Resolution 2019-003 Regarding the University of the District of Columbia's Equity Imperative Plan and First Choice initiative

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is the only public institution of higher learning in the District of Columbia, and it requires an appropriate level of investment - operations and capital - to improve undergraduate, graduate, professional and workforce credential outcomes;

WHEREAS, the Equity Imperative is a community-informed strategic plan to regenerate the University of the District of Columbia as a public higher education model of urban student success;

WHEREAS, the vision of the Equity Imperative is that all students will achieve their highest level of human potential;

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser seeks to "build safer, stronger neighborhoods, expand opportunity, and give all residents a "fair shot";

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser has provided strong support to the university in Fiscal Year 2019 through the first installment investment in the Equity Imperative;

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia is a critical partner in ensuring that all District residents have "fair shot," through education and skills development, to reach the middle class;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia median household incomes reflect the economic outcomes of educational disparities;

WHEREAS, the University's Equity Imperative is designed to transform and close the economic gap by graduating productive tax-paying citizens and reducing the need for social spending;

WHEREAS, the national average state investment in public higher education is 5.8% of local funds, and the Equity Imperative seeks to increase the District local funds investment in public higher education to 1.8% of local funds from 1.1%;

WHEREAS, the University requests that a second installment of \$22 million in additional operating funds over its current base of \$82.7 million be allocated in the Fiscal Year 2020 District budget and that it receive \$677 million over the next six years for capital funding to achieve the goals and timetables of the Equity Imperative;

WHEREAS, this investment will enable the University to modernize infrastructure and enhance academic offerings and programs; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3C encourages Mayor Bower and the University of the District of Columbia to establish and identify strategic partnerships with District of Columbia vendors surrounding: recruitment, internships, hiring and funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3C urges:

- (1) Mayor Bowser to continue the investments in the University of the District of Columbia to help ensure the university is a first choice two-year and four-year institution for D.C.'s best and brightest; and
- (2) Mayor Bowser to fund the operational and capital modernization needs of the University of the District of Columbia at the requested level: \$22 million in operating subsidy over its current FY2019 base of \$82.7 million and a \$677 million infusion of capital funding over the next six years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C supports The Equity Imperative and urges Mayor Bowser to provide the University of the District of Columbia with the resources that reflect the commitment to providing a fair shot to the middle class through quality public higher education for all District residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Chair and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC 3C on this matter.

Attested by

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Nancy J. MacWood Chair, on March 18, 2019

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on March 18, 2019 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.