TO: Robert White, Councilmember at-large of the District of Columbia, Chair of the Committee on Housing

DC Housing Authority Budget Performance Oversight

WHEREAS, on October, 19 2022, ANC 2A voted 4-2-1 on resolution in response to the D.C. Housing Authority (DCHA) audit report by the Housing of Urban Development (HUD),

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2022 The DC Council unanimously passed the Housing Authority Accountability Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 in response to the HUD audit report,

WHEREAS, On February 15, 2023, ANC 2A voted 6-1-0 on resolution in response to DCHA Performance Oversight,

WHEREAS, There is a deep distrust of DCHA and increased oversight is needed within the agency to prevent landlord overpayment which is voucher fraud causing intentional displacement of voucher recipients,

WHEREAS, Providing additional funding for the Local Rent Supplemental Program is a critical part of the District's affordable housing toolbox as it is one of the few programs that is guaranteed to provide housing that extremely low income families in need,

WHEREAS, Increasing Council oversight of the Department Human Services (DHS) and DCHA partnership of the voucher program would ensure that critical housing resources are being utilized swiftly and efficiently,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the D.C. Budget should allocate funding to address areas of oversight and finances based on the following priorities based on recommendations made in hearings by housing experts and advocates

- Enhanced Council oversight of the voucher program
- Any increase in funding for DCHA must attach stipulations of oversight
- Transparency in finance and operations in regards to budget repairs

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A deems housing a universal right and that funding the priorities will meet the city-wide goal of reducing the number of unhoused residents

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