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**ANC 3C Resolution 2023-0XX**  
**Endorsing a Green New Deal for Social Housing**

WHEREAS, Housing is a human right. In 2008, the District became the first Human Rights City in the United States, which considers the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a guide when crafting policies, priorities and programs. Article 25 provides that “[e]veryone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family including ... housing ....”

WHEREAS, The District’s housing sector, and the nation’s, has been left solely in the hands of private developers and investors for decades, with much of the city’s already severely degraded public housing stock in decline or fully out of service, including 1 in 4 units sitting vacant.

WHEREAS, The decline of any competitive public option for housing has allowed landowners, investors and developers to shape the housing market through regional monopolies, and collusion that have created a housing supply and tenancy crisis, and the nation’s worst segregation and racial wealth gap.

WHEREAS, The international community has increasingly recognized that private sector-led housing models adopted in the 1970s and 1980s have failed, with subsidized private development programs struggling to keep up with the loss of previously affordable or rent controlled units, creating a self-reinforcing cycle with no countervailing public power to regulate consumer prices.

WHEREAS, Treating housing as social infrastructure for the public good is an approach that can take aim at many housing crises experienced daily, including unaffordability, displacement, discrimination, evictions, homelessness, and substandard living conditions, while building solidarity and resilience.

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment works best when the government takes a strong and direct role in embracing its capacity for higher risk tolerance, comparatively lower borrowing costs and longer time horizons relative to investors to act as a foundational anchor in creating democratic public goods.

AND WHEREAS, the existential threat of the global ecological crisis we face demands that we chart an ambitious and equitable path to decarbonization in the housing sector, which is directly or indirectly linked to over ⅓ of American greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C calls upon the Council of the District of Columbia to take bold action by passing the Green New Deal for Housing bill so the District can build and operate publicly owned, mixed-income affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C expresses the desire for social housing to be built within the thriving, transit-connected neighborhoods within our boundaries, so working class DC

residents can stay closer to their jobs, communities and prepare us for the back-half of the 21st century.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C expresses the desire for a plurality of social housing units be oriented towards deep affordability, so residents of wage-earning means can reside within them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revenue from market rate units be used to ensure high quality maintenance, financial sustainability, and future investment in the classical sense of the social housing model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that social housing units be designed to take the largest steps possible toward our climate, quality and energy efficiency standards and goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the social housing complexes allow for the highest standard of tenant governance and democratic control over management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, and the Commissioner for 3C01 are authorized to represent ANC3C on this matter.