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ANC 3/4G Resolution
Requesting Reinstatement of the
Grant for Chevy Chase Main Street
October 26, 2020

1. On June 22, 2020, ANC 3/4G wrote Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chair of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, supporting funding for a new Chevy Chase Main Street in the FY 2021 budget. The Council and the Mayor approved that requested funding in the FY 2021 Budget. (See the FY 2021 Budget, transmitted to Congress on August 27, 2020, at page B-42, available at <https://bit.ly/3bVYeKO>, approving \$400,000 for the new Pennsylvania Avenue East and Chevy Chase Main Streets.)
2. On August 10, 2020, the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) issued a Notice of Funding availability for two equal grants of \$175,000 each for the Chevy Chase and Pennsylvania Avenue East Main Streets (<https://bit.ly/3kvHuxH>). ANC 3/4G commissioners met with District Bridges about its planned application for the Chevy Chase Main Street grant, and in early September 2020, all seven commissioners sent letters of support for the District Bridges application. The District Bridges application included a total of 111 supporting letters, including letters from all five of the member-driven organizations in Chevy Chase.
3. On September 28, 2020, DSLBD notified District Bridges that it “would like to award” District Bridges the \$175,000 grant for the Chevy Chase Main Street. On October 13, 2020, DSLBD sent District Bridges a grant agreement for signature, which District Bridges promptly returned signed.
4. On October 14, 2020, DSLBD called District Bridges and said that the Chevy Chase Main Street grant had to be cut due to budgetary constraints. DSLBD indicated that the Pennsylvania Avenue East grant was not being cut.
5. This Chevy Chase Main Street grant will support and work in concert with the District’s other important initiatives for our community — (1) changes to the Comprehensive Plan to allow

mixed use development to include moderate-density residential; (2) preparation of a Small Area Plan to include affordable housing on Connecticut Avenue; and (3) modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center and Chevy Chase Library to include significant affordable housing. Our businesses have been looking forward to becoming part of the Main Street program so that they can remain a vibrant component as we invigorate this Gateway to the District.

6. Much like other small businesses throughout the District, our business community has suffered greatly during the current public health emergency. By not being part of a Main Street program, they have been slow to receive important information. They have not had the help of a Main Street Executive Director to assist them with grant proposals, and they have not been able to benefit from other initiatives offered to Main Street businesses. As a result, their ability to survive has been severely compromised, and they have been looking towards the advantages that being part of a Main Street program would give them.
7. A briefing on the upcoming Main Street for our Commission on October 13, 2020 — including its mention in a presentation by the Office of Planning (see https://youtu.be/1_-orFmzDGs?t=5358) — raised the level of enthusiasm even further. Our ANC's current Task Force on racism also includes recommendations that embrace the potential that a Main Street program will give our community as we strive forward in our goal of increasing Chevy Chase's inclusivity and diversity. Our businesses need this support now as they attempt to survive and come back from the pandemic.
8. We strongly urge the Mayor, the Council, and DSLBD to restore the Chevy Chase Main Street grant that is an essential building block for our ambitious plans to address the need for more affordable housing in our community. The new housing we are proposing will be less likely to succeed if our local, small businesses cannot get essential support now and in the future.

Approved by ANC 3/4G after a discussion at its regularly scheduled and noticed October 26, 2020 meeting by a vote of 5 to 0 (a quorum being 4).

Randy Speck, Chair

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cc: Mayor Muriel Bowser

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