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ANC 3/4G Civic Core Site Resolution July 24, 2023

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

1) Civic space is essential to the public good and collectively belongs to the people.

2) We live in an age of increased divisiveness, loneliness, and socio-economic stratification. The stewardship of public places where all citizens are welcomed without any preconditions must be treated with careful consideration. The Civic Core is about to undergo one of the most consequential changes in its history. We seek the best outcome for generations to come.

3) The full and active use of the community center, library, and outdoor space should be maintained or increased but not diminished.

4) The ANC respects the views of our community and welcomes all voices into neighborhood work, particularly in consideration of our public spaces.

5) The ANC strongly supports the need for affordable housing. We will work constructively with the city towards that goal. The Wells Fargo site may help alleviate the multiple needs for space at the civic core site. We urge the city to explore that option.

RESOLVED:

1) The ANC and our community seek clarity about the institutional needs for the future library, community center, and outdoor space—as DMPED, OP, DPR, and DCPL currently understand them—before advancing future zoning options at the Civic Core.

2) We urge the Office of Planning and the Department of Planning and Economic Development to receive the ANC's community survey, due to be completed in the Fall of 2023, before advancing in the zoning process.

3) Affordable housing is still a worthy goal we seek at the Civic Core site. We strongly encourage DMPED, OP, and Councilmember Frumin to pursue acquiring the Wells Fargo site on Connecticut Avenue. This may help alleviate the needs for space at the civic core.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting, notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four () or seven () members was present on July 24, 2023 by a vote of () yes, no, abstentions.

Lisa R Gore, Chair

James L Nash, Secretary