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Intelsat/Whittle Building Resolution

November 13, 2023

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

- 1) The former Intelsat/Whittle building at 4000 Connecticut Avenue NW is vacant and has great potential to fulfill various needs for our Ward and the city including the possibility of a new school building, housing, child care, UDC programming, and potentially more.
- 2) The former Intelsat building is located a block from the Van Ness/UDC metro station allowing enhanced access to anyone who may use the building in the future.
- 3) Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin has put forth a proposal to purchase the site.
- 4) Councilmember Frumin's states that "Purposes could include an early childhood education center, senior wellness programs, urban agriculture, a central food processing facility, and space for UDC or another university."
- 5) Councilmember Frumin's statement goes on to suggest a location change of the MacArthur High School to the Intelsat building. We don't wish to weigh in on that proposal. The ANC does believe in "the exceptional opportunity the Intelsat/Whittle site presents for the District," and we, along with Councilmember Frumin, "encourage serious exploration of these possibilities."
- 4) We join four other ANCs in Ward 3 who have also endorsed purchasing the site.1

¹ ANC 3C Resolution, ANC 3D Resolution, ANC 3B and 3F Resolutions attached as a document

RESOLVED:

1) The D.C. City Council and the Mayor should join Councilmember Frumin in the effort to purchase the Whittle/Intelsat site for the benefit of Ward 3 and the city.
APPROVED at a regular public meeting, notice of which was properly given and at which a and at which a quorum of four () of seven () members were present on November 13, 2023 by a vote of () yes, () no, and () abstentions.
Lisa R Gore, Chair
James L Nash, Secretary