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**Resolution Requesting Protecting Funding  
for the PKEEP Program for Community-Based Organizations**

**WHEREAS**, pre-K is critical for early childhood development. Participation in pre-K programs has [proven positive educational outcomes for children](#), including improving school readiness, increasing student achievement, reducing chronic absenteeism and increasing high school graduation rates.

**WHEREAS**, enrolling children in public preschool [increases their likelihood of staying in the public education system](#).

**WHEREAS**, the future of our neighborhood (as well as the District) depends on retaining families with young children. DC, in 2023, had the [highest cost of childcare in the country](#) at \$24,396 per child at community-based organizations (CBO).

**WHEREAS**, the DC government currently supports the [Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program](#) (PKEEP) as part of the [Office of the State Superintendent of Education](#) (OSSE) to make free pre-K accessible at CBOs for District children beyond what is otherwise available at District of Columbia Public Schools and Charter Schools.

**WHEREAS**, there is no public pre-K3 available in ANC 3/4G, necessitating that neighborhood parents seek alternatives, including childcare at CBOs. Ward Three counts 350 children in PKEEP-supported CBOs, including dozens in our Commission area. Additionally, numerous Chevy Chase families, in Ward Four, also attend such centers.

**WHEREAS**, OSSE has informed District childcare CBOs that PKEEP funding for Fiscal Year 2026 is not assured given anticipated DC budget shortfalls and that the District might phase out PKEEP altogether. Further, OSSE recently directed PKEEP childcare providers to advise families in their programs that they needed to apply for the [My DC School lottery](#) by March 3 for access to pre-K in DCPS and charter schools, causing families to scramble to meet the deadline with no guarantee of placement.

**WHEREAS**, if PKEEP funding were eliminated, the impact on ANC 3/4G families with children in PKEEP-supported programs would be very significant. Families would face costs of up to \$25K per child for continued pre-K3 education. Some families might not be able to continue their children's early childhood education. Moreover, there is already a shortfall of pre-K3 slots District-wide within DCPS as demand outstrips supply. DCPS. Eliminating PKEEP would put more pressure on the lottery system and families in our neighborhood.

**WHEREAS**, PKEEP funding enables the viability of many CBOs to provide care and early childhood education for ages 0-5 and for families across the socioeconomic spectrum. The centers run on narrow margins and struggle to retain quality educators. PKEEP (and the DC Child Care Subsidy) provide critical income without which many centers would need to raise prices or close, reducing choice and accessibility for families.

**WHEREAS**, many parents across the District, including members of the Chevy Chase community, have expressed their concerns about cuts to PKEEP directly to the Mayor at [FY26 budget engagement forums](#). They have also launched a [petition drive](#) and asked their respective ANCs to pass resolutions in support of continued PKEEP funding.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office is now finalizing the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to send to the DC Council with a tentative submission date of March 24. Expression of support by ANC 3/4G for continued PKEEP funding would be timely.

**WHEREAS**, ANC 3/4G is committed to advocating for policies and actions that reflect the best interests of its constituents and acknowledges the interests and needs of Commission area families to access quality education for their children of all ages.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

ANC 3/4G urges Mayor Bowser, the District's Chief Financial Officer, and the DC Council to protect funding for the DC PKEEP program for community-based organizations and maintain funding for the current diversity of options for DC's universal pre-K: DCPS schools, public charter schools, and the PKEEP program and DC Child Care Subsidy for community-based organizations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

ANC 3/4G authorizes Commissioners Sherman, Gore, and Phinizy to represent the Commission regarding this resolution.

**This resolution was adopted at a duly noticed public meeting on March 10, 2025 with a quorum of Commissioners present, voting 7 Yes, 0 No, and 0 abstain.**

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**Lisa R. Gore, Chair**

*Elizabeth A. Nagy*  
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**Elizabeth A. Nagy, Secretary**