

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Resolution in Support of Howard University Hospital Application for Certificate of Need (CON) Reg. No. 2025-1-02

Howard University Hospital has played and continues to play an important role as a center for medical care and treatment, education, and research to support the health and lives of the people of the District of Columbia. Opened in 1975 as the successor to The Freedmen's Hospital which dated to 1862, the hospital has a long tradition of serving needs of the community. It offers a wide range of services including general and specialized surgery as well as primary and specialty care, a Cancer Center, Sickle Cell Center, Diabetes Treatment Center, kidney transplant program, addiction medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and neonatal care, a Perinatal Diagnostic and Ultrasound Center, and specialties for infectious disease, pulmonary disease and cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and dentistry. On an annual basis, Howard University Hospital admits approximately 12,000 patients and has more than 100,000 out-patient visits. The hospital has a particularly strong commitment to ensuring quality care and treatment for black members of the community. It is also a major teaching hospital, training more than 20 percent of African American health professionals in the United States.

The Howard University Hospital has grown over the decades to keep up with developments in medicine and medical technology. The current building is now facing strains on the capacity of the space and the available facilities and infrastructure. As the application explains, in order to meet rapidly growing demands for services and up-to-date technology and facilities, the only practical solution is to construct a new building. The hospital began developing plans for a new hospital more than 5 years ago, and the need has only grown since then.

We understand that the plan is to build the new hospital on the same property, adjacent to the current hospital, which will allow services to continue during construction. In its location near the intersection of Florida Avenue and Georgia Avenues, where famed Griffith Stadium once stood, Howard University Hospital is only 4 miles from our ANC via several major east-west streets convenient to residents, as well as Metrobus. It serves many individuals and families from our area. The application shows that to continue to provide the services that people use and value and to carry on its record of quality care, training, and research, the hospital needs expanded and updated facilities for patients, employees, students training there, and visitors.

Therefore, we support the Howard University Hospital's request to the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) for a Certificate of Need for construction of a new hospital.

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, Chair

Ann Lane Mladinov, Secretary

This resolution was approved by ANC 3A by a vote of 5 - 0 at its duly-noticed public meeting on July 21, 2026, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners make a quorum.) By the same vote, the ANC designated the Chair or his designee to represent the Commission on this matter.

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