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RESOLUTION #: 7E-22-008

Resolution to Support B24-0643, The East Capitol Gateway Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2022

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy.”

WHEREAS, the government of the District of Columbia by law is required to give “great weight” to comments from ANCs;

WHEREAS, Residents of Ward 7 suffer from some of the most significant health disparities and accompanying social and economic impacts due to the lack of investment and inequitable distributions of resources, services and supports.

WHEREAS, Wards 7 and 8 are currently experiencing a food desert crisis, with only three (3) full-service grocery stores available to serve over 150,000 residents.

WHEREAS, limited access to affordable and nutritious food has been associated with diminished quality of life and disparities in healthcare outcomes.

WHEREAS, Access to more healthy food options, a critical need for historically underserved communities, can improve physical health, reduce morbidity, and reduce mortality in residents.

WHEREAS, the East Capitol Gateway Marketplace represents an opportunity to bring economic revitalization to Ward 7 and provide access to a full-service grocery store and retail options.

WHEREAS, the development of the site has been stalled for over twenty years and with the existing developer unwilling to advance the project, Capitol Gateway will likely remain vacant until at least 2037.

WHEREAS, Bill 22-207, which is now law, called the East End Grocery Incentive Act of 2018 was enacted to eliminate food deserts in Wards 7 and 8;



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WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser allocated \$58 million to the FY 2022 budget to fund the Food Access Fund, with the goal of eradicating food deserts and creating employment opportunities and economic vibrancy.

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Ward 7 Council Member Vincent Gray are committed to delivering a full-service 55,000 square foot grocery store by 2024.

WHEREAS, Bill B24-0643, The East Capitol Gateway Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2022, is designed to authorize the use of eminent domain in order to initiate action at the long-stalled Capitol Gateway Marketplace

BE IT RESOLVED:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E fully supports Bill **B24-0643, The East Capitol Gateway Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2022** as the development of this site is critical to the well-being of the residents of ANC7E,

ADOPTED by vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of 6 of the seven members was present on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

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Kimberly Martin, ANC 7E07
Treasurer

Delia Houseal, ANC 7E06
Chair