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RESOLUTION #: 7E-20-003

Fund the East End Grocery Incentive Act of 2018

February 11, 2020

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,” including education;

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

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, 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;

WHEREAS, the law states that the Grocery Incentive Act Program shall be funded from the District surpluses after the District reached 60 days cash-on-hand, which has been recently verified in the District’s Comprehensive Financial Audit (CAFR);

WHEREAS, there is currently a \$161.8 million surplus available to fund the legislation;

WHEREAS, during the ground-breaking ceremony of Good Food Markets in Ward 8, the Honorable Mayor, Muriel Bowser expressed an interest in “increasing access to healthy food options east of the river and creating jobs for local residents.”

THEREFORE BEFORE IT RESOLVED:

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7E requests that the Mayor allocates a portion of the \$161.8 million surplus to fund the East End Grocery Incentive Program

ADOPTED by vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of 7 of the seven members was present on February 11, 2020 by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Delia Houseal

Delia Houseal, ANC 7E06

Chair