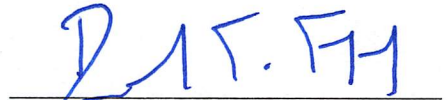


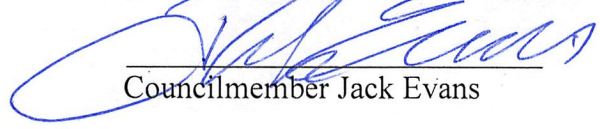
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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish an Office of Resilience within the City Administrator’s Office for the purpose of developing, coordinating, and reporting on the implementation of policies, programs, and actions with respect to Urban Resilience.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Office of Resilience Establishment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Establishment of the Office of Resilience.

There is established within the Office of the City Administrator the Office of Resilience.

The Office shall be overseen by a Director who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. Duties of the Office.

The Office shall:

(1) Maintain the integrity of the City Resilience Framework;

(2) Lead efforts to execute inter District government agency objectives that further the Goals of the City Resilience Framework;

(3) Develop and coordinate the implementation of policies, programs, and actions with respect to Urban Resilience, Dimensions, and Goals;

(4) Publish an annual report, on or before October 1st, detailing to the Council the District’s progress to build Urban Resilience;

33 (6) Review, revise, and update the Resilient Strategy consistent with the City
34 Resilience Framework every four years.

35 (6) Promote objectives and create a campaign to build awareness of Urban
36 Resilience among District residents; and

37 (7) Perform other relevant duties as the Mayor may assign.

38 Sec. 4. Definitions; explaining the City Resilience Framework.

39 (a) For the purposes of this act, the term:

40 (1) "City Resilience Framework" means the roadmap for building resilience that
41 is comprised of the established 4 Dimensions, 12 Goals, and 7 Qualities.

42 (2) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Resilience.

43 (3) "Office" means the Office of Resilience established in section 3.

44 (4) "Resilient Strategy" means the inventory of programs, policies, and actions,
45 guided by the Qualities, that the Mayor will take to build Urban Resilience.

46 (5) "Urban Resilience" means the capacity of individuals, communities,
47 institutions, businesses, and systems within a system to survive, adapt, and thrive no matter what
48 kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they encounter.

49 (b) The City Resilience Framework contains the following parts:

50 (1) 4 dimensions that include the following:

51 (A) The leadership and strategy for promoting effective leadership,
52 inclusive decision making, empowered stakeholders, and integrated planning.

53 (B) Health and well-being standards that enable people living and working
54 in the District to have access to what they need to survive and be healthy.

55 (C) Economy and society standards that enable social and financial
56 systems that allow urban populations to live peacefully and act collectively.

57 (D) The infrastructure for man-made and natural systems to provide
58 critical services, protect, and connect urban assets enabling the flow of goods, services and
59 knowledge; and

60 (2) 12 goals organized within the dimensions that are made up of the following:

61 (A) Leadership and strategy goals that serve the following purposes of:

62 (i) Promoting leadership and effective management by focusing on
63 multi-stakeholder alignment, collaboration and empowerment, decision making and leadership,
64 and capacity and coordination;

65 (ii) Empowering a broad range of stakeholders by focusing on
66 access to education, risk awareness, risk monitoring, communication between government and
67 public and knowledge transfer; and

68 (iii) Fostering long-term and integrated planning by focusing on
69 access to data and monitoring, strategies and plans, land use planning, building codes and
70 standards;

71 (B) Health and well-being goals that serve the following purposes of:

72 (i) Meeting basic needs by focusing on food, water, energy, and
73 housing; by providing adequate and dependable supply of essential services to a city's whole
74 population;

75 (ii) Supporting livelihood and employment by focusing on labor
76 policy, skills and training, continuity following a shock, local business development and
77 innovation, and access to finance; and

78 (iii) Ensuring public health services by focusing on public health,
79 access to integrated healthcare services, and medical facilities and petitioners in an emergency;

80 (C) Economy and society goals that serve the following purposes of:

81 (i) Promoting cohesive and engaged communities by focusing on
82 social supports, local identities and culture, and community participation;

83 (ii) Ensuring social stability, security, and justice by focusing on
84 deterrents to crime, corruption reduction, policing to promote safety and security, and law
85 enforcement; and

86 (iii) Fostering economic prosperity by focusing on business
87 continuity, city budgets, inward investment, local economy and economic linkages;

88 (D) Infrastructure and development goals that serve the following
89 purposes of:

90 (i) Providing and enhancing natural and manmade assets by
91 focusing on environmental policy, safeguards for critical infrastructure, and alternative provision
92 services;

93 (ii) Ensuring continuity or critical services by focusing on
94 emergency response plans, optimal use of critical infrastructure, conservation of assets, flood
95 risk managements and ecosystem management; and

96 (iii) Providing reliable communication and mobility by focusing on
97 transport network, transport infrastructure, regional transport link, communication technology,
98 and emergency information; and

99 (3) 7 qualities that are embodied in the City Resilience Framework and
100 include the following:

101 (A) The ability to learn from the past and at in times of crisis by:

102 (i) Relying on individuals and institutions using past
103 experience to inform future decisions and modifying standards and behaviors accordingly; and

104 (ii) Relying on individuals and institutions to recognize alternative
105 ways to use resources at times of crises in order to meet their needs or achieve their goals;

106 (B) Robustness, redundancy, and flexibility that enable the District to
107 conceive systems and assets that can withstand shocks and stresses as well as the willingness to
108 use alternative strategies to facilitate rapid recovery by:

109 (i) Robust design that is well-conceived, constructed and managed
110 and includes making provisions to ensure failure is predictable, safe, and not disproportionate to
111 the cause;

112 (ii) Redundancy that is space capacity purposively created to
113 accommodate disruption due to extreme pressures, surges in demand, or an external event;
114 including diversity where there are multiple ways to achieve a given end; and

115 (iii) Flexibility that represents the willingness and ability to adopt
116 alternatives strategies in response to changing circumstances or sudden crises, by introducing
117 new technologies or knowledge, and recognizing traditional practices.

118 (C) Inclusive and integrated processes of good governance and effective
119 leadership that ensure investments and actions are appropriate, address the needs of the most
120 vulnerable and collective create a resilient city by:

121 (i) Inclusive processes that emphasize the need to create a broad
122 sense of ownership or a joint vision to build city resilience; and

123 (ii) Integrated processes bring together systems and institutions and
124 can also catalyze additional benefits as resources are shared and actors are enabled to work
125 together to achieve greater ends.

126 Sec. 5. Rules.

127 The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act,
128 approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), may issue rules
129 to implement the provisions of this act.

130 Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

131 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
132 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
133 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

134 Sec. 7. Effective date.

135 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
136 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
137 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
138 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
139 Columbia Register.