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MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am transmitting to the District of Columbia Council, for its review and consideration, the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Emergency Declaration of 2019," "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2019," the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2019," and the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Amendment Act of 2019." This legislation would, on an emergency, temporary, and permanent basis, authorize the Mayor to dispose of a portion of certain property for the redevelopment of St. Elizabeths East – Phase I.

In 2016, the Council approved the St. Elizabeths East Campus – Phase I Disposition Approval Resolution of 2016, effective March 1, 2016 (Res. 21-416; 63 DCR 9325), which authorized the disposition of real property known as the St. Elizabeths East Campus located between 1300 and 1100 Alabama Avenue, S.E. ("St. Elizabeths East") to Redbrick LMD, LLC and Gragg-Cardona Partners, for the purpose of creating a mixed-use development project providing affordable housing, residential market-rate housing, retail, and ancillary uses (the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment").

In furtherance of the redevelopment of St. Elizabeths East, the Council had previously approved the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014, effective April 30, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-244; 62 DCR 1490) allowing a land swap between the District and the Washington Area Metro Transit Authority ("WMATA") that will enable an extension of 13th Street, S.E., pursuant to the St. Elizabeths Master Plan and grant WMATA easements and fee title to the areas currently operated and maintained as part of the green line Metrorail system near the St. Elizabeths East Campus (the "Land Swap").

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This legislation will amend, on an emergency, temporary, and permanent basis, the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014, effective April 30, 2015 (L20-244; DCR 1490) (Act) to authorize the Mayor to dispose of a portion of the exchanged property for the redevelopment of St. Elizabeths East—Phase I. The Emergency Declaration declares the existence of an emergency for the need to amend the Act. The Mayor needs authority to dispose of the Land Swap Lots to the Developer to allow the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment to move forward. Therefore an amendment to the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014 is necessary to allow the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment to move forward.

I look forward to your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Muriel Howsen

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Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor A BILL IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To amend, on a temporary basis, the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014 to authorize the Mayor to dispose of a portion of the exchanged property for the redevelopment of St. Elizabeths East - Phase I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2019". Sec. 2. Section 2 of the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014, effective April 30, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-244; 62 DCR 1490) is amended as follows: (a) The lead in language is amended by striking the phrase "(a-1)" wherever it appears. (b) A new paragraph (1A) is added to read as follows: "(1A) Dispose of approximately 8,413 square feet of the real property to be acquired from WMATA and designated as Lot 17B, being part of Parcel 228/144 to be developed as part of the development project approved by the Council pursuant to the St. Elizabeths East Campus - Phase I Disposition Approval Resolution of 2015, effective March 1, 2016 (Res. 21-416; 63 DCR 9325).

Sec. 3 Fiscal impact statement.

- The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement prepared by the Chief Financial Officer as
- 2 the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of
- 3 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).
- 4 Sec. 4. Effective date.
- 5 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
- 6 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
- 7 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
- 8 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
- 9 Columbia Register.
- 10 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ATTORNEY GENERAL KARL A. RACINE



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Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Alana Intreiri

Executive Director

Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM:

Brian K. Flowers

Deputy Attorney General Legal Counsel Division

DATE:

June 6, 2019

SUBJECT:

St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Emergency, Temporary and

Permanent Amendment Acts of 2019 and Accompanying Emergency

Declaration Resolution

(AE-19-396)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed legislation entitled the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2019", the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2019", the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Amendment Act of 2019", and the "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Emergency Declaration of 2019", and determined that it is legally sufficient.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

Brian K. Flowers