

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 2, 2021

To posthumously honor and remember Allen Y. Lew for his tremendous contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew began his Washington, D.C. career in 1996, serving as the Managing Director of the Washington Convention Center Authority, where he oversaw the planning, development and construction of the award-winning, \$850 million Washington Convention Center, which was completed on-time and on-budget while achieving 46% CBE participation and implementing innovative labor practices and job training programs;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew, as Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission from 2004 to 2007, managed the renovation and operation of the historic Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium for Major League Baseball use while maintaining use for D.C. United soccer, and also managed the planning, site selection, development, and construction of the new \$650 million Washington Nationals Ballpark, the first LEED-certified stadium in the country, which was built in 22 ½ months within legislative budget limits with a project labor agreement and 52% CBE participation;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew was recruited to become the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, where he oversaw some \$3.5 billion of construction, renovation, and stabilization work on District of Columbia Public Schools buildings and facilities, bringing many long-neglected facilities up to 21st Century standards, with many of those school projects having been hailed as examples of urban academic architecture and garnered awards for design innovation, construction excellence and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew was appointed City Administrator by Mayor Vincent C. Gray and managed a nearly \$10 billion per year DC Government operations budget and over \$7 billion of capital initiatives such as a major flood control project, the beginnings of a new streetcar system, and undergrounding electric power lines to improve power reliability; directly oversaw agencies responsible for labor and collective bargaining, environment, public works, transportation, contracts and procurement, human resources, technology, facilities management, capital construction, and economic development; interfaced with a variety of stakeholders,

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including the Council of the District of Columbia, business community, trade groups, labor unions, community groups, advisory neighborhood commissions, metropolitan regional governments, federal government agencies, regulatory agencies, and Wall Street rating agencies; and shepherded the District government through the October, 2013 federal government shutdown in which the District government remained open, employees, contractors and vendors were paid on time, and there was no break of services provided to District residents;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew served on a number of boards, commissions, authorities, councils and special task forces, including: DC Water & Sewer Authority, Chairman of the Board; the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Vice President and Board Member; the Washington Convention & Sports Authority, Board Member; the Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness, Chairman; the Mayor's Power Line Undergrounding Task Force, Co-Chair; the Mayor's Task Force on the Prevention of Flooding in Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park, Co-Chair; and President of the Washington Architectural Foundation.

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew's time as a public servant and leader in the District of Columbia can truly be described as transformative through his track record of making things happen and strengthening the unseen fabric that holds neighborhoods together;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew demonstrated an on-time, on-budget, and no-excuses performance over a range of municipal and public-private initiatives that impacted every aspect of life in the Nation's Capital and the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew changed the atmosphere of failing, ineffective or static situations by creating a new work environment and culture and prioritizing everyone's focus on what was best for the whole and the body politic;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew had a reputation as an eccentric, innovative builder and problem solver and exhibited innovative leadership that has prepared the District of Columbia for a new era of growth, influence, and prominence on the national and international stage;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew succumbed to complications associated with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 on June 23, 2020;

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew is remembered for his warmth, his generosity, his devotion to staff, his attention to detail and his contributions to the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Allen Y. Lew is both missed and celebrated by many friends, colleagues, staff and consultants that he came to know during his time in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Allen Y. Lew Recognition Resolution of 2021".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates and commemorates the vast and long-lasting contributions and noteworthy public service career of Allen Y. Lew.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.