

A RESOLUTION

23-224

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 8, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend Chapter 46 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide an abatement of real property taxes for property located at 1201-1215 Good Hope Road, S.E., and known for tax and assessment purposes as Lot 1017, 847, 867, 866, and 864 in Square 5769.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “MLK Gateway Real Property Tax Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Council approved the MLK Gateway Disposition Approval Resolution of 2017, effective December 5, 2017 (Res. 22-319; 65 DCR 33), authorizing the Mayor to dispose of District-owned real property known as MLK Gateway, located at 1201-1215 Good Hope Road, S.E., known for tax and assessment purposes as Lots 1017, 847, 867, 866, and 864 in Square 5769, and at 1909, 1911, and 1913 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., known for tax and assessment purposes as Lot 829 in Square 577 (“property”).

(b) The selected development team for the property is MLK Gateway Partner, LLC, comprised of the Menkiti Group and Enlightened, Inc. (“Developer”).

(c) In July, the Council enacted the MLK Gateway Real Property Tax Abatement Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, effective July 24, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-105; 66 DCR 9750) (“emergency legislation”), to provide a tax abatement on the property to aid the Developer in financing the development of a mixed-use commercial project on the property. The emergency legislation expires on October 22, 2019.

(d) Temporary legislation, the MLK Gateway Real Property Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on September 17, 2019 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-381), must still complete its 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law until after the emergency legislation has expired.

(e) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

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Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the MLK Gateway Real Property Tax Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.