

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to assemble the soccer stadium site including through the use of eminent domain; to require the Mayor to amend the ground lease of the soccer stadium site, to to require the Mayor to amend the development agreement for the construction of a new soccer stadium; to authorize the rental airspace and vault space; to amend the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and District of Columbia National Guard Armory Public Safety Act to make it applicable to the soccer stadium; to amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide for licenses to be issued to the soccer stadium; to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide tax abatements; and to exempt the transfer of the stadium site from recordation and transfer taxes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Soccer Stadium Development Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) On May 23, 2014, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced Bill 20-805, the District of Columbia Soccer Stadium Development Act of 2014. That legislation was referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue, the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on Economic Development, and the Committee of the Whole. A joint public hearing was held on June 26, 2014.

(b) The proposed legislation would enable the district to assemble land for the development of a Soccer Stadium for DC United at Buzzard’s Point in Southwest.

36 (c) The Council of the District of Columbia passed Bill 20-805 unanimously at  
37 its December 2, 2014 Legislative Meeting and the measure is due for its final reading on  
38 December 16, 2014, however, because of the need for congressional review of the legislation, it  
39 would not be effective until well into 2015.

40 (d) The Council is set to approve a financing package to accompany the stadium  
41 legislation on December 16, 2014 through a revised budget request act to provide funding to  
42 acquire the necessary land and other costs relevant to Bill 20-805.

43 (e) Approval of emergency legislation will allow the District to proceed with  
44 assembling the land and horizontal development of the Soccer Stadium Site in an expeditious  
45 manner with the funding authority granted under the proposed financing package.

46 Sec. 3 The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
47 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the District  
48 of Columbia Soccer Stadium Development Emergency Act of 2014 be adopted after a single  
49 reading.

50 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.