

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 to provide grant-making authority to the Deputy Mayor to issue a grant to Check It Enterprises to enable its acquisition of a certain facility located in the Anacostia Historic District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant Making Authority for Check It Enterprises Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On February 4, 2020, the Council passed on first reading the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant Making Authority for Check It Enterprises Amendment Act of 2020 (Engrossed version of Bill 23-404) (“permanent legislation”). The permanent legislation authorizes the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to issue a grant to Check It Enterprises to purchase the property that it occupies with We Act Radio and District Culture. The purpose of the permanent legislation is to prevent the displacement of these three organizations, which have served as anchors of the Historic Anacostia community. However, this purpose is threatened by an arrangement that would nullify Check It Enterprises’ opportunity to purchase the property that it occupies with We Act Radio and District Culture if the transaction is not closed by March 28, 2020.

37 (b) The permanent legislation, which must complete the Council’s legislative process and
38 then be transmitted to Congress for the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the
39 District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official
40 Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), will not become law until, at the earliest, April.

41 (c) It is important that the provisions of the permanent legislation become law as soon as
42 possible.

43 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
44 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Deputy
45 Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant Making Authority for Check It
46 Enterprises Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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