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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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20 To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to require the Mayor to develop a plan
21 that provides a range of comprehensive services that address the assessed needs of
22 homeless individuals at 425 2nd Street, N.W., and that complies with the Statement of
23 Principles as developed by the Center for Creative Non-Violence (“CCNV”) Task Force.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
26 act may be cited as the “Plan for Comprehensive Services for Homeless Individuals at 425 2nd
27 Street, N.W., Amendment Act of 2014”.

28 Sec. 2. The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C.
29 Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding new sections 27g and
30 27h to read as follows:

31 “Sec. 27g. Plan for comprehensive services for homeless individuals at 425 2nd Street,
32 N.W.”

33 “In the provision of homeless services for individuals residing at the property located at
34 425 2nd Street, N.W., the Mayor shall develop a plan that complies with the Statement of
35 Principles, outlined in section 27h and developed by the CCNV Task Force (“Task Force”)

36 pursuant to the CCNV Task Force Emergency Act of 2013, effective August 2, 2013 (D.C. Act
37 20-147; 60 DCR 11809; 20 DCSTAT 2000), and the CCNV Task Force Temporary Act of 2013,
38 effective December 5, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-45; 60 DCR 14959; 20 DCSTAT 2392).

39 “Sec. 27h. The Statement of Principles of the Task Force shall be as follows:

40 “(1) The District of Columbia has an obligation to provide for the needs of
41 homeless District of Columbia residents in the development of its parcel at 425 2nd Street, N.W,
42 This obligation went into effect when the property was first transferred from the federal
43 government to the District of Columbia.

44 “(2) Any new development of the parcel should be “build first,” that is, the
45 existing shelter should not be razed until replacement capacity is fully available.

46 “(3) Replacement capacity should be located at the current site to respond
47 effectively to the needs of residents, to the maximum extent possible,.

48 “(4) Any replacement capacity located off-site should be close to public
49 transportation, and for ease of access to jobs and services, ideally located in the downtown area
50 of the District of Columbia.

51 “(5) Replacement capacity should primarily be deeply affordable housing, and
52 include Single Room Occupancy (“SRO”), efficiency, studio design, the Housing First model of
53 permanent supportive housing with housing specifically targeting the needs of youth under the
54 age of 25, and 24-hour low barrier shelter and hypothermia shelter. Some scattered site capacity
55 through vouchers or otherwise, might be appropriate or desirable for some residents.

56 “(6) Any SRO, efficiency, or studio design unit should have sufficient square
57 footage to meet current recommended standards for living space.

58 “(7) Private bathing and cooking space should be prioritized to the maximum
59 extent possible.

60 “(8) Any site re-design should be responsive to security needs of residents, both
61 within the building and in the surrounding environments.

62 “(9) Any new development should follow sustainable and green principles.

63 “(10) In any new construction, developers should follow “First Source”
64 requirements. All efforts should be made to employ as many residents of 425 2nd Street, N.W., as
65 possible.

66 “(11) Priority for new units should be given to current residents, people with
67 disabilities, and people who are elderly.

68 “(12) All efforts should be taken in the redevelopment design to allow families,
69 including families with no minor children, to be housed or sheltered together, regardless of
70 gender.

71 “(13) It is important to have services available on-site.

72 “(14) Assessment of service needs, for example, whether a resident needs
73 permanent supportive housing, should be made using the “state of the art” tools and standards
74 available at the time of assessment.

75 “(15) There should be office space for management of programs included in the
76 site re-design.

77 “(16) All non-shelter services presently at 425 2nd Street N.W., should be included
78 in the site re-design to the maximum extent feasible.

79 “(17) All providers and relevant programs should meet the highest standards and
80 have appropriate qualifications for the service provided.”.

81 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

82 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
83 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule
84 Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

85 Sec. 4. Effective date.

86 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
87 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
88 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
89 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
90 Columbia Register.