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A BILL  
20-897

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require the Mayor to develop a plan that provides a range of comprehensive services that address the assessed needs of homeless individuals at 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, N.W., and that complies with the Statement of Principles developed by the Center for Creative Non-Violence (“CCNV”) Task Force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Plan for Comprehensive Services for Homeless Individuals at 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, N.W. Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Plan for comprehensive services for homeless individuals at 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, N.W., required.

(a) The Mayor shall develop a plan to provide continued homeless services for individuals residing at the property located at 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, N.W.

(b) The plan shall comply with the following Statement of Principles, developed by the task force established pursuant to the CCNV Task Force Emergency Act of 2013, effective August 2, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-147; 60 DCR 11809), and corresponding temporary legislation:

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

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

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

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

36 (5) Replacement capacity should:

37 (A) Primarily be deeply affordable housing;

38 (B) Include single room occupancy (“SRO”), efficiency, and studio  
39 design;

40 (C) Reflect the Housing First model of permanent supportive housing;

41 (D) Specifically target the needs of youth under the age of 25; and

42 (E) Provide 24-hour low barrier shelter and hypothermia shelter. Some  
43 scattered site capacity through vouchers or otherwise, might be appropriate or desirable for some  
44 residents.

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

47 (7) Private bathing and cooking space should be prioritized to the maximum  
48 extent possible.

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

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

52                   (10) In any new construction, developers should follow “First Source”  
53 requirements. All efforts should be made to employ as many residents of 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, N.W., as  
54 possible.

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

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

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

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

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

66                   (16) All non-shelter services presently at 425 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N.W., should be included  
67 in the site re-design to the maximum extent feasible.

68                   (17) All providers and relevant programs should meet the highest standards and  
69 have appropriate qualifications for the service provided.

70           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

74           Sec. 4. Effective date.

75           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
76 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as  
77 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
78 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
79 Columbia Register.