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Councilmember Trayon White Sr.

A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996 to permit the Mayor to approve a petition by the Anacostia BID to expand its geographic area to include exempt real property owners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Anacostia Business Improvement District Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Anacostia BID was established in 2012 as a resource to support a thriving, clean and safe commercial district in the great Ward 8.

(b) Since its establishment, the BID has done a remarkable job to lead, enhance, inspire and engage in smart growth and equitable development efforts that revitalize and create an inclusive, thriving, sustainable, innovative and vibrant heart of the Ward 8 community.

(c) As the BID’s vision statement reads, the BID works in a collaborative as opposed to competitive environment.

(d) As such, the BID currently counts as members two tax-exempt properties: The 11th Street Bridge Park and the Barry Farms development.

29 (e) These tax-exempt properties are critical, government-supported projects,
30 which would benefit from receiving the BID's services.

31 (f) However, the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996 (Act) does not
32 permit the BID to expand its geographic area to include tax-exempt properties.

33 (g) Therefore, these properties cannot receive the direct benefit of the BID's
34 services, including the installation of planter boxes, removal of weeds and high grass,
35 destination marketing, cleanliness services, incorporation into the Arts and Culture District, and
36 more.

37 (h) It is necessary to amend the Act to permit the BID to petition the Mayor to
38 include these properties in its geographic area so that the properties can receive services from
39 the BID.

40 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in Section 2
41 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Anacostia Business
42 Improvement District Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

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