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**RESOLUTION REGARDING DC COUNCIL REGULATION ON  
RETURNING REVENUE SURPLUS TO RESIDENTS**

March 17, 2017

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2014, the DC Council passed the Fiscal year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014, which included a set of “triggers” for tax cuts if the city's revenue rises faster than projected, establishing tax cuts as the only priority for use of growing revenues for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the tax cut triggers mandated by the DC Council channel all new revenue directly to tax cuts whenever revenue increases, thereby preventing the Council from using new revenue to address pressing needs of the residents of ANC3F and the District as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the DC Council further tied its hands by freezing any leftover money at the end of its fiscal year, so that every penny of a surplus goes into savings; and

WHEREAS, the District's reserves already are at a record level, and the District's finances are ranked ninth-best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the automatic nature of the tax cuts prevents the mayor and DC Council from making decisions about the use of growing revenues, whether they should be used for tax cuts, for important public investments, or some combination; and

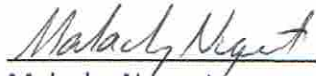
WHEREAS, the DC Council has cut taxes for DC residents every year for the past three years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC3F hereby advises the Mayor and the DC Council

1. to delay the tax cuts for a year and use some of the growing surplus for urgent needs for residents of ANC3F and the District as a whole, such as affordable housing, schools and Metro; and
2. to set aside some of last year's surplus in a special fund of approximately \$20 million specifically to address federal budget cuts that may come after the D.C. budget is adopted, to ease the pain and give us time to adjust, as called for in the “Reserve Fund Improvement Amendment Act of 2017” introduced by Councilmember Grosso.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC3F hereby signs on to the DC Fiscal Policy Institute's January 2017 letter calling for the Mayor and the DC Council to "untie their hands."

ANC 3F APPROVED this resolution at its meeting on March 21, 2017, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Malachy Nugent  
Chair, ANC 3F