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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF D.C. PENSION TAX BENEFIT FOR RETIRED
FEDERAL WORKERS, D.C. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS, POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND
VETERANS**

OCTOBER 16, 2018

WHEREAS, for 57 years retired federal and local government employees living in Washington, D.C., received a modest tax benefit allowing them to subtract \$3,000 from income when they calculated their local D.C. taxes;

WHEREAS, this provision --- known as the “pension benefit exclusion” --- was granted by Congress in recognition of civil servants’ public service and the relatively low salaries they received compared to the private sector;

WHEREAS, the pension benefit exclusion covered approximately 40,000 retired federal workers, D.C. government employees, D.C. firefighters and police officers, D.C. teachers and military service veterans, many of whom reside in ANC3F;

WHEREAS, the D.C. city Council repealed the pension benefit exclusion, effective in 2015, as part of a complex tax bill without giving affected seniors notice of the repeal;

WHEREAS, the repeal of this modest benefit has had a negative financial impact on seniors who are long-time residents of the city, and has fostered the perception that seniors are unwelcome in the city during a time of increasing gentrification and lessening economic diversity;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that many seniors are relocating for tax purposes to other jurisdictions which maintain far more generous annuity exclusions, further eroding D.C.’s tax base (Some states, such as Pennsylvania, exclude government employees’ pensions from state taxation and others, such as Maryland and Virginia, offer more generous exclusions for seniors);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3F endorses and supports restoration of the pension benefit exclusion, and supports passage of Bill 22-0321-Pension Exclusion Restoration and Expansion Act of 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Jakopchek, Sittig, and Dickinson are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F passed this resolution at its meeting on October 16, 2018, which was properly noticed

and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Jakopcsek", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Jakopcsek
Chair, ANC 3F