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RESOLUTION REGARDING UDC Tennis Courts
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Whereas, the five tennis courts at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) are public courts at a public university and are located at the heart of a growing and vibrant community in Van Ness, in the second largest Ward in the District;

Whereas, the five public tennis courts have historically been open to the public, utilizing a process and rules that administer other 149 public tennis courts throughout the District;

Whereas, UDC restricted access to these courts about 15 years ago after they were renovated as part of a capital investment campaign;

Whereas, the public courts at Yuma Street and Connecticut Avenue have remained locked and dormant as they have fallen into disrepair in recent years;

Whereas, the community is concerned with the UDC's denial of community access to the five public tennis courts;

Whereas, all of the District's other 149 public courts are currently open to the public;

Whereas, in this unprecedented time, during a pandemic, tennis is one of the few socially distanced activities that residents can engage in safely to maintain fitness;

Whereas, the public tennis courts in Van Ness are equipped with lights, so the community can also play at night, making these courts an even more essential and needed resource for a community of tennis players who juggle busy work, social and family responsibilities;

Whereas, the UDC tennis team does not use the tennis courts and travels across the city to practice at a facility in the SE;

Whereas, individual members of the UDC tennis team also play on the two public courts at Forest Hills Park, where there already is high demand and residents often have to wait to get a court, creating even more demand for the five public court at Van Ness;

Whereas, over 300 residents have signed a petition requesting that the public courts be opened to the public;

Whereas, UDC views itself as a revitalizing, energizing and positive force in the Van Ness community and the District and has commenced a public process to update and prepare a Campus Master Plan of which the tennis courts are a component;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 3F requests that the UDC - public tennis courts at Yuma Street be repaired or rehabilitated and then re-opened to the general public, including at night;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the tennis courts are a public resource and should be open to the public, under conditions agreeable to ANC 3F, the community, and UDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UDC send a written response to ANC agreeing to the above requests, including a timetable to the best of its ability, by February 26, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ANC 3F consider the outcome of this Resolution during its future deliberations and actions regarding UDC's Campus Master Plan.

It is further resolved that Commissioners Nemeth and Cristea are authorized to speak on ANC 3F's behalf regarding this matter.

ANC 3F PASSED this resolution at its meeting on November 17, 2020, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining (5-0-0).



Monika Nemeth, Chair ANC3F