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3 Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.
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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to establish a Ward 8
17 Senior Housing Fund to fund initiatives that create or maintain affordable housing
18 for Ward 8 prioritizing residents age 65 or older.
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
22 this resolution may be cited as the “Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund Establishment
23 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

24 Sec. 2. (a) The availability of affordable housing in Washington, D.C. has fallen
25 dramatically in recent years. Affordable housing stock has trended downward while rents
26 have trended upward—a pressure that is particularly felt by low-income tenants.

27 (b) The District brought legal action against Curtis Investment, Inc., which owns,
28 operates, and leases residential real estate in Ward 8, including Wheeler Park (3211-3221
29 Wheeler Road, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20032) and Oxon Run Manor (207 Mississippi
30 Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20032), because of allegations that Curtis discriminates
31 against housing-assistance participants in leasing rental housing. Specifically, Curtis has
32 posted advertisements for a residential property in the District that expressly state that it
33 does not accept vouchers and other housing assistance.

1 (c) Ward 8 is facing an affordable housing emergency, particularly for senior
2 citizens that prefer to age-in-place or need new housing that can accommodate their
3 fixed-incomes.

4 (d) Because the settlement the District is receiving in the Curtis matter involves
5 affordable housing and a great number of Ward 8 residents, it is imperative that the
6 Council capture a portion of this settlement to be used for Ward 8 senior housing.

7 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the
8 circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it
9 necessary that the “Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund Establishment Emergency Amendment
10 Act of 2020” be adopted after a single reading.

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