

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the appointment of Mr. Jinwoo Park as the Executive Director of the Criminal Code Reform Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Executive Director of the Criminal Code Reform Commission Jinwoo Park Appointment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Criminal Code Reform Commission (“Commission”) is an independent agency responsible for submitting to the Mayor and Council recommendations for comprehensive criminal code reform, among other duties.

(b) Richard Schmechel has served as the Commission’s Executive Director since the Commission was established on October 8, 2016, and Mr. Schmechel provided notice of his intent to resign from his position effective March 26, 2022.

(c) Under section 3122(c)(1) of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Act of 2016, effective October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 3-151(c)(1)), the Commission’s Executive Director shall be appointed by Chairman of the Council, subject to the approval of the majority of the Council.

32 (d) Pursuant to that statutory authority, on April 5, 2022, Chairman Phil Mendelson
33 appointed Jinwoo Park to serve as the Commission's Executive Director.

34 (e) Mr. Park currently serves as Acting Executive Director of the Commission. Prior to
35 assuming that position, he served as a Senior Attorney Advisor with the Commission since its
36 inception, and previously worked with its predecessor agency as part of the Sentencing and
37 Criminal Code Revision Commission.

38 (f) Mr. Park has had a broad range of responsibilities during his tenure at CCRC. He had
39 direct responsibility for revising the statutes for many of the District's most serious criminal
40 offenses, including laws related to murder, kidnapping, and robbery.

41 (g) Given the recent resignation of former Executive Director Richard Schmechel, there
42 is an immediate need for the Council to approve Mr. Park's appointment as Executive Director
43 of the Criminal Code Reform Commission.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
46 Executive Director of the Criminal Code Reform Commission Jinwoo Park Emergency
47 Appointment Resolution of 2022 be adopted on an emergency basis.

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