

Councilmember Anita Bonds

Chairman Phil Mendelson at  
the request of the Mayor

## A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to establish a temporary stabilization and reform board to govern the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”) and to require that the board and the Executive Director of DCHA take specific actions to reform and revitalize the operations of DCHA.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That  
this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) recently issued a report describing the results of an on-site assessment of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”). The report identified a number of significant concerns with the current operations of DCHA and will serve as the foundation for the development and implementation of strategies and plans to improve DCHA’s provision of housing and services to low-income District residents.

(b) In order to successfully address the HUD findings and revitalize the operations of DCHA, it is critical to have a revamped board of directors of DCHA with expertise and experience that supports the necessary reforms and that can serve in a focused and agile capacity.

34           (c) It is also important that the new DCHA board work closely with the DCHA  
35   Executive Director to address the HUD findings and create a more sustainable path  
36   forward for DCHA to advance the mission of DCHA, which is to build and maintain safe,  
37   decent, affordable housing for District residents.

38           (d) Given the importance of DCHA's housing and operations to tens of thousands  
39   of District residents, it is critical that a change in DCHA's board composition be  
40   effectuated immediately.

41           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
42   enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
43   District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Amendment Act of 2022  
44   be adopted after a single reading.

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