

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to repealing the University of the District of Columbia’s exclusive use of PR Harris.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Clarification of UDC PR Harris Exclusive Use Repeal Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2010, the Council approved the “University of the District of Columbia Expansion Act of 2010,” which gave the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) the exclusive use of the closed Patricia R. Harris Educational Center School (PR Harris). PR Harris is located at 4600 Livingston Road, S.E.

(b) For years, UDC, along with other public charter schools, used PR Harris, however, PR Harris needs extensive modernization. This places a financial burden on UDC and given the current fiscal climate in the District, it is important that UDC is not financially responsible for PR Harris. For this reason, in 2020, the Council approved the “UDC PR Harris Exclusive Use Temporary Act of 2020,” which repealed UDC’s exclusive use of PR Harris and transferred it to the District of Columbia. Additionally, because UDC does have a

34 food hub in PR Harris’ parking lot and would like an office in PR Harris to support that food
35 hub, the temporary act retained UDC’s right to maintain its Ward 8 food hub and an office
36 space in the building.

37 (d) The District of Columbia has been operating as the lessor since the effective date
38 of the “UDC PR Harris Exclusive Use Temporary Act of 2020,” however when the
39 temporary amendment expired on April 13, 2021, the District no longer retained the
40 exclusive right to PR Harris.

41 (e) The District has negotiated a new lease with the tenants of PR Harris but needs
42 legislative action to transfer the exclusive use of PR Harris from UDC to the District of
43 Columbia to execute the new lease. Thus, an immediate need exists to retroactively repeal
44 UDC’s exclusive use of PR Harris.

45 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in
46 Section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Clarification of
47 UDC PR Harris Exclusive Use Repeal Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after
48 a single reading.

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