

1 **WHEREAS**, on February 21, 2024, ANC 2A (the “Commission”) voted 4-2-1 on the 2024
2 performance oversight resolution on the Department of Human Services (DHS) handling of the
3 Aston,

4 **WHEREAS**, In May of 2023, The George Washington University (GWU) announced it had sold
5 the Aston, a former graduate student dormitory located at 1129 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. ,
6 to the Washington D.C. government through the Department of General Services (DGS) for
7 \$27.5 million,

8 **WHEREAS**, The Aston would be turned into D.C.’s first high-barrier homeless shelter that
9 would primarily serve adults with acute medical conditions, mixed-gender adult families and
10 couples experiencing homelessness — populations that can’t be properly served in the other
11 shelters,

12 **WHEREAS**, At ANC 2A’s June 2023 meeting, the Department of Human Services (DHS) sent
13 representatives to address questions and concerns from commissioners as well as residents about
14 services the Aston would provide,

15 **WHEREAS**, ANC 2A, at a special meeting in June 2023, passed a resolution¹ in support of the
16 Aston contingent upon certain conditions being met and outstanding questions that we asked to
17 be addressed,

¹ [ANC-2A-RESOLUTION-CR-23-003-DGS-1.pdf \(anc2a.org\)](#)

18 **WHEREAS**, After the Commission requested the building assessment² report from DHS it was
19 provided from the Department of General Services (DGS) and upon review there was a deep
20 concern regarding the safety and integrity of the building,

21 **WHEREAS**, Commissioner Omictin raised concerns about the state of the roof and that it
22 needed to be replaced immediately and considered as a non-negotiable Fiscal Year 2025 (FY
23 2025) budget priority not to be tiered out and replaced in 2028,

24 **WHEREAS**, At its March 2024 meeting, the Community Advisory Team (CAT) was informed
25 that the Aston would become operational by June 2024,

26 **WHEREAS**, Residents and the commission have inquired with Councilmember(s) Pinto and R.
27 White for further clarification on next steps in the process and the delay around the opening of
28 the Aston,

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30 **WHEREAS**, The Mayor has committed \$13 million³ for two non-congregate shelters: The
31 Aston and 25 E street,

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2A requests a formal response to the following
34 inquiries:

35 1. How much of the \$13 million will be earmarked for the Aston?

² [Aston-Asset-Condition-Assessment-1.pdf \(thewash.org\)](#)

³ [DC_OCFO_Budget_Vol_1.pdf | Powered by Box](#) (page 63)

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- 36 2. What is the breakdown of the allotted funds for the Aston?
- 37 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the roof of the Aston must be repaired
- 38 and have immediate funding allocated for FY 2025.