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Business Development.

- 1 WHEREAS, Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto has committed to allocating funds to execute
- 2 and implement the Foggy Bottom/West End Main Street for this year's (FY 2025) budget cycle,
- 3 as it would be housed and managed by the Department of Small and Local Business
- 4 Development (DSLBD),

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- 6 WHEREAS, In the previous budget cycle (FY 2024) funding was awarded for a feasibility study
- 7 for the Foggy Bottom/West End area.

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- 9 WHEREAS, The feasibility study and the findings discovered what local business operators and
- 10 residents have been saying that there needs to be a dedicated and focused entity to attract
- 11 residents and tourists to "live, work, and play" here.

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- WHEREAS, Workers, residents and businesses will continue to suffer if the Executive and the
- 14 Council do not take immediate steps to remedy the ghost town that downtown D.C. has become.

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- 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the Committee for Small Business and
- 17 Economic Development to allocate funding of \$197,000 for the Foggy Bottom/West End Main
- 18 Streets program.

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20 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revitalization of Downtown D.C. is a

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program should be classified as a non-negotiable piece of the strategy.