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From: Ketan Gada, Director, Hill East District Redevelopment

Date: July 30, 2020

Dear Commisioners of ANC 6B,

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“DMPED”) has selected Parcel A, Parcel B-1, Parcel B-2, Parcel C, Parcel E, Parcel F-2, Parcel G-2, and Parcel H on the Hill East campus (collectively, the “Property”) for Phase 2 development. See the attached Surplus Map for the location of all (eight) 8 parcels. As part of the redevelopment process, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 10-801, the Property must be declared surplus by the Council of the District of Columbia (“Council”). Declaring a property surplus means that it is no longer required for a public purpose.

The Property is located on the Hill East campus between the eastern edge of the Capitol Hill neighborhood and the western shore of the Anacostia River. It will be developed in accordance with the Hill East Master Plan, which permits a wide range of commercial, recreational, institutional, residential, grocery, retail, and other citywide uses. This Hill East Phase 2 development effort will further integrate the adjoining community through use of urban planning tools.

The Property presents itself today as a vast area of vacant land and vacant buildings associated only by their proximity and former use. The Property has a significant history of housing health care facilities over the years, which has, in turn, lead to the isolation of the Property from the rest of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. More specifically:

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Parcel A and Parcel B-2 are vacant. A small portion of these parcels was previously occupied by Building 29, which was demolished by the Department of General Services (“DGS”) in the spring of 2020.

Parcel B-1 and Parcel C are largely vacant and a small portion of these parcels is used by DGS for construction staging purposes.

Parcel F-2, Parcel G-2 and Parcel E are largely vacant and a small portion of these parcels is occupied by the former DC General Hospital (Buildings 1-4). DGS began demolition of Buildings 1-4 in May 2020 and expects to complete demolition as early as Winter 2020.

Parcel H is largely vacant and a small portion of this parcel is occupied by DC General Hospital (Buildings 1-4). Additionally, this parcel is also occupied by a small portion of the north wing of Anne Archbold Hall, which is a vacant building.

The date, time, and location of the public surplus hearing is:

Date: September 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Online; See weblink below

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec7dc905e7366bad3a801815e6e576d7a>

On March 11, 2020, the Mayor declared a Public Health Emergency in response to several presumptive and confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on the District’s residents, businesses, visitors, students, and at-risk population. Due to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Washington, DC and the surrounding region, on March 30, 2020, the Mayor issued a Stay at Home Order for the District of Columbia, which went into effect on April 1, 2020. On May 27, 2020, the Mayor issued Mayor’s Order 2020-067, which lifted the Stay at Home Order and allowed for the reopening of certain non-essential businesses starting on May 29, 2020. On June 19, 2020, the Mayor issued Mayor’s Order 2020-075, which provided guidance for further reopening of businesses during Phase Two. All individuals are still required, if possible, to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from persons not in their household. In addition, large gatherings of more than fifty (50) individuals continue to be prohibited in the District of Columbia.

As such, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the District of Columbia, and in consideration of the above Mayors’ Orders, in lieu of an in-person public meeting to receive comments and feedback from the community on the proposed designation of the Property as surplus property pursuant to D.C. Official Code §10-801, the meeting will be held online and comments should be submitted in writing via email to Ketan Gada at ketan.gada@dc.gov by September 2, 2020. A summary of the received comments and suggestions will be submitted to the Council in accordance with D.C. Official Code §10-801(a-1)(2).

Hill East Phase 2 Development SURPLUS MAP

