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TO AMEND BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ALLOW EMERGENCY REMOTE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority is governed by its Amended Bylaws ("the Bylaws");

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to be prepared to continue operations and act quickly in case of emergency by adopting remote meeting procedures;

WHEREAS, remote meetings by electronic means are permitted by the DC Open Meetings Act at D.C. Official Code § 2-577; and

WHEREAS, the form of the amendment of the Bylaws is attached hereto as Attachment 1;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority does hereby adopt the amendment to Article V of the Bylaws of the District of Columbia Housing Authority set forth here within this Resolution and Attachment 1.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority and signed in authentication of its passage the 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:                        APPROVAL:

Tyrone Garrett              Neil Albert
Executive Director/Secretary Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Chelsea Andrews
General Counsel

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ATTACHMENT 1
Proposed Amendment to Bylaws
Remote Board Meetings

Article V, Section 9 of the Bylaws of the DC Housing Authority shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Teleconference by Individual Commissioners. The Chairperson, in his/her sole and absolute discretion, may permit a Commissioner to participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a telephone or video conference ("Telephonically"), provided that a quorum for the meeting exists consisting of other Commissioners who are physically present; and provided that the Commissioner seeking to participate Telephonically meets the following conditions:

(i) The Commissioner is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal emergency;

(ii) The Commissioner commits to remain in communication throughout the entire meeting; and

(iii) The Commissioner has not, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Chairperson, participated telephonically excessively.

Section 10. Emergency Remote Board Meetings. When meeting in person is impossible or inadvisable due to threats to public health and/or safety as recognized by federal or District authority, the Chairperson, in his/her sole and absolute discretion, may determine that a regularly-scheduled or emergency meeting of the Board shall occur remotely via telephone, video-conference or other electronic means. Such remote meetings will be recorded, votes will be taken by roll call, and the Authority will make reasonable arrangements to allow for public remote attendance and comment. The Commissioners participating remotely will count toward
quorum and must commit to remain in communication throughout the entire meeting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the Bylaws shall apply to emergency remote meetings.