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To Authorize the Executive Director to Submit a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Application to HUD for the Parkside-Kenilworth Neighborhood

WHEREAS, On August 25, 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative ("Choice Neighborhoods") Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA"); The NOFA outlines the application requirements for Planning Grants and Implementation Grants for this new HUD program; and

WHEREAS, Choice Neighborhoods has as its focus the transformation of an entire neighborhood, which must, by definition, include distressed public housing and/or other HUD-assisted housing; and

WHEREAS, The Parkside-Kenilworth neighborhood was recently the subject of a comprehensive planning study in preparation for the submission of a Promise Neighborhoods Planning Grant Application, to the U.S. Department of Education, by the Cesar Chávez Public Charter Schools for Public Policy (Cesar Chávez). The Parkside-Kenilworth neighborhood is made up of the communities of Kenilworth, Eastland Gardens, Mayfair, Parkside, and Paradise; and

WHEREAS, HUD has indicated it will give greater consideration to Choice Neighborhoods applicants that focus on neighborhoods that have received a Planning Grant under the Secretary of Education's Promise Program; and

WHEREAS, Kenilworth-Parkside is the only neighborhood in Washington, D.C. with a Promise Planning Grant, and therefore, is a strong candidate for Choice Neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DCHA Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to submit to HUD a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Application for the Parkside-Kenilworth Neighborhood in response to the FY 2010 Notice of Funding Availability.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of its passage the 14th day of October, 2010.

ALLEST

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