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Councilmember Charles Allen Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to order the closing of a portion of a public alley system in Square 748, bounded by 3rd Street, N.E., L Street, N.E., M Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E. and Delaware Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6.

 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 748, S.O. 16-21105, Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve emergency legislation to close a portion of the public alley system in Square 748.

(b) The adjacent property is owned by the JS Congress Holdings, LLC (“the Applicant”) and is located at 1109 Congress Street, N.E., in Ward 6. The Applicant’s property includes Lots 78 and 819; the proposed portion of the alley to be closed abuts Lot 819, 78, and 72.

(c) The north half of Square 748 is occupied by the Uline Arena, on the southeast portion of the square there are seven rowhouses fronting 3rd Street, and two vacant parcels at the corner of 3rd and L Streets, N.E. The interior L-shaped alley system is approximately 9-feet-wide and terminates into a dead-end. The east-west leg of the alley, consisting of 675 square feet, is the portion proposed to be closed.

(d) The Applicant intends develop a mixed-use project that includes 64 residential units and up to 4,000 square feet of retail and makers space. As part of the development plan, the Applicant will grant a new 15-foot-wide public access easement to replace the proposed alley closure, 40 feet to the east.

 (e) A permanent version of this legislation was approved at first reading on March 6, 2018 and is scheduled for second reading on April 10, 2018. Making the closing effective sooner than congressional review would enable the project to proceed without the risk of delay.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 748 Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.