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President

March 18, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Proposed Lease between the University of the District of Columbia and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-352.02(b)(1), please find enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia a proposed lease agreement by and between the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) for the use of 25,660 square feet in Hangar #2, located at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. This lease would replace the current lease that UDC has with MWAA for airport hangar space to accommodate UDC's aircraft maintenance program. Specifically, the lease is for five years, with two options of five years each and requires MWAA to make certain capital improvements to Hangar #2.

Because MWAA is requiring a new lease before it begins renovation to the hangar, I am also transmitting the "University of the District of Columbia Lease Agreement with MWAA Emergency Approval Resolution of 2022" and the "University of the District of Columbia Lease Agreement with MWAA Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022." I kindly request that you agendaize and move them at the Council's next legislative session.

As always, I am available to discuss any questions you may have regarding the proposed lease. In order to facilitate a response to any questions you may have regarding this proposed lease, please have your staff contact Ms. Christina Setlow, Director of State and Local Affairs, at (202) 274-5244. I look forward to a favorable consideration of this contract.

Sincerely,

Ronald Mason, Jr.

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Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the University of the
District of Columbia

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the lease agreement between the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) to lease Hangar #2, located at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, Virginia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "University of the District of Columbia Lease Agreement with MWAA Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. (a) Since 1978, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) has leased space located at Ronald Reagan National Airport (Reagan Airport) from the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA). This space serves as the academic facility for the University's Aviation Maintenance Technology program, which is offered through UDC's Community College (UDC-CC).

(b) Currently, UDC offers two paths of aviation mechanical training: 1) an Aircraft Mechanic's Certification; and 2) an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Aviation Maintenance Technology. The certification program is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and includes 1900 hours, which amounts to 40 academic credit hours of

36 both lecture and laboratory instruction and experience. To earn the AAS degree, an individual
37 must complete an additional 32 credit hours. Because laboratory experience is needed to meet
38 the requirements set by the FAA, the University needs space in which it can house airplanes.
39 Hence, the need for the University to lease space at Reagan Airport.

40 (c) UDC's current lease with MWAA for Hangar #2 at Reagan Airport has been in effect
41 since January 1, 1993 and runs month to month. Yet, in order for MWAA to make capital
42 improvements, which are necessary to stay in compliance with the FAA's requirements, to
43 Hangar #2, MWAA is requiring the University to enter into a new lease.

44 (d) The new lease will run for five years, with two options to extend the lease agreement
45 for five-years each. Given that the original lease is a multi-year lease, Council approval is
46 required pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-352.02(b). Moreover, because MWAA will not
47 make the capital improvements until the new lease is executed, an immediate need exists to
48 approve UDC's lease with MWAA for Hangar #2 at Reagan Airport.

49 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
50 enumerated in Section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
51 "University of the District of Columbia Lease Agreement with MWAA Emergency Approval
52 Resolution of 2022" be adopted on an emergency basis.

53 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.