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**DRAFT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S
ONGOING WORK TO PROTECT ITS UNIQUE TREE CANOPY**

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is a cherished and vital part of our community, serving as the District's only public university, producing dynamic lifelong learners and leaders.

WHEREAS, UDC's campus is home to a unique and valuable tree canopy that enhances the urban landscape, supports biodiversity, and is enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and community members alike;

WHEREAS, trees improve air and water quality, reduce urban heat, and make campuses healthier and more resilient places to live, learn, and work;

WHEREAS, ANC 3F commends UDC's leadership in establishing its first-ever Tree Canopy Advisory Committee and developing its inaugural Tree Care Plan, significant steps toward environmental protection and sustainable stewardship of its campus trees;

WHEREAS, this Tree Care Plan was reviewed and approved by a professional arborist from the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Division, and UDC will be recognized with a plaque from the Arbor Day Foundation on Earth Day, honoring its commitment to urban forestry;

WHEREAS, the assessment conducted as part of this process revealed that a number of trees on campus are invasive or dead and need to be removed, and that roughly 20% of the campus canopy is under threat from English ivy growing up the trunks, an issue that requires active and informed intervention;

WHEREAS, ANC 3F recognizes that dedicated, expert care is necessary to preserve and enhance the campus tree canopy;

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation and similar organizations encourage universities across the country to develop comprehensive, expert-informed tree care plans and to involve professional arborists in their ongoing implementation;

WHEREAS, public awareness and community engagement are essential to ensuring the success of the Tree Care Plan, much like how volunteers and neighbors have come together to protect nearby green spaces such as Rock Creek Park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F applauds UDC for its leadership in advancing urban forestry on campus and encourages UDC to take the next step by working with a licensed arborist to oversee and implement its Tree Care Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 3F encourages UDC to publicly share the Tree Care Plan and consider ways to involve community members, students, and volunteers in efforts to maintain and protect this important natural asset;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ANC 3F recognizes the significance of this Tree Care Plan as a milestone and a model for urban campuses across the nation and encourages the District government and the broader community to support UDC in this vital work.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Commissioners Rofman is authorized to speak on this issue on behalf of ANC 3F.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on July 15, 2025, which was properly noticed and at which all 6 Commissioners were present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed.



Courtney Carlson
Chair, ANC 3F



Photo of Pines on UDC Campus under threat from English ivy