May 6, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504
Washington, DC  20001

Dear Chairman Mendelson:


The Resolution authorizes the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt revenue bonds, notes or other obligations in aggregate principal amount not to exceed $17,000,000.00. The bonds will be used for the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs incurred by Andres Corporation (“Borrower”), in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project of the Borrower’s property located at 101 Q Street, N.E. (Square 3518, Lot 0025), Washington, DC 20002. The project is located in Ward 5.

Andres Corporation, serving as Corporation Service Company, is a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation, located at 1090 Vermont Avenue, N.W., and is a subsidiary of DC SAFE. DC SAFE, is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 2007, beginning as the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, developing crisis intervention services for survivors of domestic violence.

In accordance with Section 490 of the Home Rule Act, we have determined that the bonds, when, as, and if issued, shall be without recourse to the District. The bonds shall not be general obligations of the District; shall not be a pledge of or involve the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the District; shall not constitute a debt of the District; and shall not constitute a lending of public credit for private undertakings as prohibited in section 602(a) (2) of the Home Rule Act.
The bonds shall not give rise to any pecuniary liability of the District and the District shall have no obligation with respect to the purchase of the bonds.

I find that the proposed financing will assist in furthering the efforts Andres Corporation in providing, health, safety, cultural, education, trade, commerce and employment opportunities to the citizens of the District of Columbia. I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the measure.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Muriel Bowser

Enclosures
A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $17,000,000 of District of Columbia revenue bonds in one or more series and to authorize and provide for the loan of the proceeds of such bonds to assist Andres Corporation, in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project pursuant to section 490 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment – DC SAFE Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) The Andres Corporation, is a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia (the “Borrower”), seeks to have District of Columbia revenue bonds issued and receive a loan of the proceeds from the sale thereof for the financing, refinancing or reimbursing of all or a portion of the Borrower’s costs of:

(A) The refinancing of certain indebtedness, the proceeds of which were used to acquire, finance or refinance the costs of acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, and equipping the
Borrower’s facility located at 101 Q Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Square 3518, Lot 0025),
together with all equipment, furnishings and other property, real and personal, functionally related
and subordinate thereto;

(B) Funding any credit enhancement costs, liquidity costs or debt service reserve
fund; and

(C) Paying Issuance Costs and other related costs to the extent permissible. (the
“Project”).

(2) The planned financing will make available funds critically needed to finance,
refinance, or reimburse the Borrower for costs of the Project.

(3) The United States and the District of Columbia are experiencing a pandemic related
to COVID-19. The disruption COVID-19 has had on society and the financial markets has caused
interest rates to drop in a favorable position to the Borrower. To ensure that the Borrower is able to
benefit from these lower interest rates and be in a better financial position the District of Columbia
needs to issue the revenue bonds as soon as possible.

(4) Council approval of the bond resolution authorizing the issuance of up to
$17,000,000 of District of Columbia revenue bonds would permit the revenue bonds to be issued
promptly to provide maximum savings for the Borrower and enable the project described in this
section 2 to be completed.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
enumerated in section 2 hereof constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
“Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment – DC SAFE Revenue Bonds Project Emergency
Declaration Resolution of 2020” be adopted after a single reading.

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

TO: William Liggins
   Director, Revenue Bond Program
   Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

FROM: Patrick Allen
      Senior Assistant Attorney General
      Commercial Division

DATE: April 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Certification of the “Survivors and Advocates for
         Empowerment—DC SAFE Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Approval
         Resolution of 2020”.

          This is to certify that the Commercial Division has reviewed the above-referenced
          resolution and found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard,
          please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 870-7485.

          Patrick Allen
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          Senior Assistant Attorney General