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**ANC 3/4G Resolution Regarding
Funding for the Incarceration to
Incorporation Entrepreneurship Act**

1. The Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program Act of 2016 (DC Law 21-159) (the Act) became law on August 18, 2016. It “established within the Department of Employment Services the Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program” (IIEP) that was intended to provide business and micro enterprise development training and other assistance for returning citizens.
2. Among other things, the Act would create an “Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Fund” of up to \$10 million that would come from appropriated funds, donations from the public, donations from private entities, and funds provided through a sponsorship agreement.
3. The District has more returning citizens per capita than any other city, and it needs a program like this, which has been successful through similar initiatives like Defy Ventures in Chicago (<https://defyventures.org>).
4. The Mayor’s FY 2017 budget proposed funding for other returning citizen programs directed at getting them into the workforce, but these programs, while useful, did not address the need for an entrepreneurship program and Fund like the one that the Act authorized in 2016.
5. The Mayor’s proposed budget for FY 2018 also does not include funding for the programs authorized by the Act.

6. ANC 3/4G urges the Council to marked up the budget to include funding for IIEP, as authorized by the Act. The entrepreneurship and mentoring elements of IIEP are not covered elsewhere in other returning citizens' programs, and the IIEP compliments the Mayor's programs. The Council should provide the \$2.3 million needed over four years — \$767,000 each year — to implement IIEP.

Approved by the ANC at its regularly scheduled and noticed April 9, 2018 meeting by a vote of 7 to 0 (a quorum being 4).

Randy Speck, Chair

Becky Maydak, Secretary