Resolution of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee

April 8, 2019

Whereas, the hours and staffing of the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) branch libraries were restored to previous levels when the DCPL central library (MLK Library) was closed for renovation in 2017.

Whereas, MLK Library is scheduled to reopen in 2020.

Whereas, new, renovated, and reconfigured branch libraries and the MLK Library renovation continue to provide enhancements to the DCPL system.

Whereas the DCPL system will have increased its space to just under 1 million square feet in 2020.

Whereas, under the FY20 proposed budget, hours and staffing of branch libraries will again be reduced when MLK reopens.

*Whereas, the Mayor’s proposed 2020 budget allows for 39.5 full time equivalents (FTEs) for DCPL personnel, and 55 FTEs would enable branch libraries to function without cuts to hours.*

Whereas, DC citizens should have unrestricted access to branch libraries.

Be it resolved, that the Ward 3 Democratic Committee requests that the DC Mayor and the DC Council provide adequate budget funding *to 55 FTEs* to allow branch libraries to be open at the current level in FY20 and beyond.

Be it further resolved that the Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee or the Chair’s designee are authorized to transmit, testify to, publicize, and otherwise carry out this resolution."

Passed by:

The Ward 3 Democratic Committee