

**PASSED – JUNE 17, 2010**

**Resolution in Support of Council Bill 18-650  
“District Resident Employment & Trade Stimulus Amendment Act of 2010”**

Whereas, the current unemployment rate in the District of Columbia is 12.1 percent which is almost double that of Maryland (7.5 percent) and Virginia (6.9 percent); and

Whereas, in some areas of our city, the unemployment rate is closer to 30 percent; and

Whereas, Councilmembers Harry Thomas (D-Ward 5) and Michael Brown (I-At-large) have introduced Council Bill 18-650, the “District Resident Employment and Trade Stimulus Amendment Act of 2010”; and

Whereas, this proposed legislation would require that government-assisted construction projects over \$200,000 have in place increased residency standards for employees; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation makes the important distinction between construction projects subsidized by the city and other projects that fall under the first source agreement which have limited ability to realistically exceed the required residency goals; and

Whereas, this legislation sets up a differentiated expectation for specific construction positions which allows for a realistic approach to ensuring that hundreds of millions of dollars the city spends each year on construction projects, directly translates to real jobs with living wages and full benefits for our city’s residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ward Three Democratic Committee supports Council Bill 18-650, the “District Resident Employment and Trade Stimulus Act of 2010”; and

And Be It Further Resolved, that the Ward Three Democratic Committee urges the Council of the District of Columbia to support this legislation and to move it forward in a timely and efficient manner; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Chair of the Committee, by the Executive Board, is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement and act on this resolution and its purposes, including but not limited to, distributing to ANCs, other Ward Committees, the State Committee, the Council, the Mayor and the like, permitting the Committee to testify at Council hearings and other related hearings to express the views of the Committee as per this resolution, and taking and to report same to the Committee in the normal course of business.

Introduced by Tom Smith, Precinct 9, On Behalf of the Executive Committee of the Ward Three Democratic Committee.