

RESOLUTION OF THE WARD 3 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
FOOD INSECURITY AMONG DC'S SENIORS

Passed on 11/18/2021

Because the District of Columbia ranks first in the nation on food insecurity among seniors (over the age of 60) according to the most recent report of Feeding America;

Because, using data from the Census's Current Population Survey, Feeding America reported that, in 2019, 13.5 percent of DC seniors had difficulty accessing enough food to live a healthy lifestyle;

Because DC operates approximately 14 nutrition programs including programs that provide meals directly to seniors and programs that include seniors in their target population;

Because food insecurity rates remain high as many at-risk seniors are unaware of available services or have difficulty accessing them;

Because Councilmember Mary Cheh introduced the No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021 (B24-0419) along with Councilmembers Bonds, Gray, Lewis George, Allen, Henderson, Pinto, and Trayon White;

Because the No Senior Hungry Act was referred to the Committee on Housing and Executive Administration (Oct 2021), the committee with responsibility for the Department of Aging and Community Living

Because the No Senior Hungry Act

- Creates an interagency task force to develop a District-wide response to senior food insecurity that coordinates between agencies and maximizes effectiveness and reach of services,
- Calls for development of a comprehensive communications plan to connect with isolated seniors,
- Calls for increasing SNAP participation among seniors, and
- Calls for adding home-delivered meals and medical nutrition therapy to the medicaid waiver.

Therefore, the Ward 3 Democratic Committee urges the

- Committee on Housing and Executive Administration to promptly hold a hearing on the No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021 and
- D.C. Council to pass legislation that addresses the problem of food insecurity among the District's seniors.

The Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee or the Chair's designee(s) are authorized to transmit, testify to, publicize, and otherwise carry out this resolution.

Passed by:

THE WARD THREE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE