

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF DC PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Whereas, the citizens of Glover Park and Cathedral Heights are active users of the DC Public Libraries; and

Whereas, library access for students and for adults is of great importance; and

Whereas, having libraries open during the evening and on Sundays is especially beneficial to children and students because it provides a safe, adult-supervised place with after-school programs, live homework help online, college preparation workshops and free computer access; and

Whereas, the importance of DC Public Libraries is exacerbated by budget cuts that have eliminated librarians from DC Public Schools serving the children of Glover Park and Cathedral Heights; and

Whereas, it is recognized that before DC Public Libraries were closed on Sundays, they were the busiest days of the week per hour open; and

Whereas, it is recognized that the computers available in the DC Public Libraries are the only computers to which many students and adults have access; and

Whereas, it is recognized that the computers available in the DC Public Libraries serve critical educational purposes by students, and are an important resource for job hunting by the unemployed and for all adults to have access to the internet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and DC City Council work together to reprogram funds in the current budget(s) for 2012-2013 and appropriate funds in future budgets sufficient to keep all DC Public Libraries open from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at least eight hours on Fridays and Saturdays and at least five hours on Sunday afternoons; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the citizens of Glover Park and Cathedral Heights urge the DC City Council to vote for passage of the bill known as B19-883, The District Of Columbia Public Library Hours Expansion Act of 2012 and that they work with the Mayor's office to reprogram funds in DC's budget to have expanded hours implemented in 2013.

This resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 on December 13, 2012.

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