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3 Chairman Vincent C. Gray

Councilmember Michael A. Brown

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6 Councilmember Jim Graham

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12 A RESOLUTION

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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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21 Councilmembers Michael A. Brown, Vincent C. Gray and Jim Graham introduced the following
22 resolution, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

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24 To declare the sense of the Council that the District government and the District of Columbia
25 Retirement Board do no business and invest no funds in Arizona state or municipal bonds
26 and that no public funds from the District of Columbia be used to support participation at
27 any conference or event held in the state of Arizona.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

30 That this act may be cited as the “Sense of the Council Arizona Divestment Resolution of 2010”.

31 Sec. 2 The Council finds that:

32 (a) On April 23, 2010, Jan Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, signed
33 Senate Bill 1070.

34 (b) Arizona Senate Bill 1070 specifically allows for the Arizona’s local and state
35 police to enforce federal immigration laws, which are by definition under the jurisdiction of
36 federal law enforcement agencies.

1 (c) Arizona Senate Bill 1070 allows for police officers to specifically profile
2 Latino residents and request proof of residency whether or not a suspect is accused of
3 committing any crime.

4 (d) Arizona Senate Bill 1070 will have a decidedly negative impact on the
5 1,785,737 Latinos who are currently in Arizona legally, who make up 22% of Arizona's
6 population.

7 (e) As Arizona Senate Bill 1070 will specifically impact Arizona's Latino
8 population only, the legislation creates a system of institutionalized racial profiling.

9 (f) When the State of Arizona refused to recognize Martin Luther King day, the
10 District of Columbia Council opted to pass legislation to divest in the state of Arizona. This
11 legislation helped to bring attention to the state of Arizona, which recognized Martin Luther
12 King's birthday in 1999.

13 (g) It is the fundamental responsibility of the District of Columbia to decide
14 where, how and by whom financial resources in its control should be invested, taking into
15 account numerous pertinent factors.

16 (h) It is the prerogative and desire of the District of Columbia, in respect to
17 investment resources in its control and to the extent reasonable, with due consideration for,
18 among other things, return on investment, on behalf of itself and its investment beneficiaries, not
19 to participate in an ownership or capital-providing capacity with entities that provide significant
20 practical support for racial profiling and institutionalized racial discrimination, including
21 Arizona's state and municipal bonds.

22 (i) It is the judgment of the District of Columbia Council that mandatory
23 divestment of public funds from Arizona state and municipal bonds are measures that should be

1 employed sparingly and judiciously. The serious legal concerns regarding civil rights violations,
2 specifically racial profiling, as well as the overwhelming public outcry against this legislation
3 from the Latino population, both in the United States as a whole and in the District specifically,
4 satisfy this high threshold.

5 (j) Further, it is the judgment of the Council of the District of Columbia that no
6 District of Columbia government employee or contractor shall participate in any conference or
7 other event in Arizona where public funds are used to finance the travel of such employee or
8 contractor.

9 Sec. 3. It is the Sense of the Council that the District government and the District of
10 Columbia Retirement Board do no business and invest no funds in Arizona state or municipal
11 bonds, or support travel to Arizona conferences or events with public funds, so long as Senate
12 Bill 1070 remains in effect.

13 Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit copies of
14 this resolution once adopted to the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and to the Board of
15 trustees and Members of the DC Retirement Board.

16 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
17 the District of Columbia Register.