**Ward 3 Democratic Committee of the District of Columbia**

**Resolution Calling for the Rebuke and Sanction of Councilmember Jack Evans**

**Passed 4/25/2019**

**Whereas** The citizens of the District of Columbia deserve and expect representatives of unimpeachable legal and ethical standards, that DC law (DC Code §1-618.01(a)) and the DC Council’s own Code of Conduct (R 202(a)) require that each DC government employee “refrain from taking, ordering or participating in any official action that would adversely affect the confidence of the public in the integrity of the District Government”;

**Whereas** The District of Columbia Municipal Regulations similarly require employees to “place loyalty to the laws and ethical principles above private gain” and prohibit “holding financial interests that conflict with the conscientious performance of duty”; “engaging in financial transactions using nonpublic government information or allowing the improper use of such information to further any private interest”; “using public office or position for private gain”; “giving preferential treatment to any private organization or individual”; and “engaging in outside employment or activities, including seeking or negotiating for employment, that conflict with their official government duties and responsibilities.” DCMR § 6B‑1800.3(a), (b), (c), (g), (h), (j);

**Whereas** Councilmember Evans serves as the Chair of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, which is responsible for matters relating to taxation and revenue, for the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, and is a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, which has oversight of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA);

**Whereas** Councilmember Evans repeatedly used government email accounts to solicit business from law firms that lobby the DC government and flaunted his ability to leverage connections to financially benefit clients and potential clients of the law firms;

**Whereas** The Chair of the DC Council, Phil Mendelson, introduced a Reprimand Resolution on March 5, 2019, for Councilmember Evans stating that a council member “may not knowingly use the prestige of office or public position for [his] private gain,’ and that ‘government resources shall not be used for personal business,”;

**Whereas** Councilmember Evans has not provided a list of clients in his financial disclosure documents, the full scope of his business dealings and how those dealings relate to his service as a Councilmember is unknown to the public;

**Whereas** Councilmember Evans renewed the business license for NSE Consulting LLC with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) on March 31, 2019 (DCRA file number 000006257340) despite telling his fellow Councilmembers he planned to shut down his consulting business;

**Whereas** Chairman Mendelson has publicly stated, in reference to the Finance and Revenue chairmanship, “Jack does not have the command, meaning the respect, everything he needs to be able to manage bills…”;

**Whereas** based on the facts as we know them, and Councilmember Evans’ apology for unspecified misconduct, it is clear that Councilmember Evans has – at a minimum - committed serious violations of the Council’s Code of Conduct and violated the public trust;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that Councilmember Evans should immediately resign from his position as Chair of the Committee on Finance and Revenue;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that Councilmember Evans should immediately resign from his position on the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that Councilmember Evans should immediately recuse himself from all business in front the Committee on Finance and Revenue and Committee on Business and Economic Development until and unless he is cleared of all legal and ethical misconduct;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that Councilmember Evans should immediately resign his position on the DC Democratic State Committee as National Committeeman to the Democratic National Committee;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that this resolution be communicated to the Mayor, all members of the DC Council, the Chair of the Democratic State Committee, and the Chairs of all DC Democratic Ward committees.

That 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**