

# **Exhibit 168**

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**From:** Werner, Ruth (COUNCIL)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Thorn Pozen  
**Cc:** JR Meyers; David Wilmot ([REDACTED]); Danielle Burs  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Sign Legislation

I have not shared draft documents. I assumed your team was talking to other CMs for support?

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I didn't realize this would be shared outside your office, the GC, and the Budget Office. We're on it, though.

Thorn

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I am starting to receive questions - which isn't a surprise, and is ok 😊. You mentioned providing background materials – or a summary of what the legislation is doing (talking points for CM Evans). How close are you to sending that? If you can provide it by tomorrow- that would help.

CMs Bonds and Grosso's office are asking.  
And the AG's office has inquired about this. Have you spoken with the AG recently?

Thanks,  
Ruth

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Ruth,

Attached are slightly revised versions of the sign legislation (an updated Emergency Declaration; and Emergency, Temporary, and Permanent versions of the bill). I've also included a redline for the Emergency highlighting the changes. Those same changes are made also in the new Temporary and Permanent versions as well.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns (from you, the GC's Office, or the Council's Budget Office) and again thank you for your help with this matter.

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Ruth,

I just heard back from our client who may have one or two technical changes to the bill(s). If they're deemed necessary, I'll pass them on as soon as possible. In any case, thanks!

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This is great! thanks so much. I'll take a look and keep you posted on this end – with any general counsel questions, FIS, etc.

Great to see you all this morning!  
Ruth

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Ruth,

Following up from our meeting this morning, please find attached electronic copies of the latest versions of the proposed Emergency Declaration, Emergency Bill, Temporary Bill, and Permanent Bill, along with a copy of a draft of the short rationale piece I left with you.

We're also working on a more comprehensive package of background materials for use in talking to other members and staff. We'll make sure you have copies of all that when it's done.

Please let me know what questions you have either on the logistics or the substance here and I'll make sure you get answers right away.

Thanks,

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Thanks!

Can you all reach out to James Pittman with the AG's office 202-724-6517. He is telling me the AG and the Mayor are adamantly opposed to this emergency.

Ruth

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Ruth,

A bit of an update for you on the sign legislation, I've been told that:

1. There's no impact on WMATA;
2. There's no overlap with the sign legislation dealing with the Ballpark; and,
3. Additional background material will be either dropped off to you in hard-copy form or sent to you electronically as soon as possible.

Please call with any further questions or concerns. Best to reach me on my cell phone at [REDACTED].

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