

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Committee on Government Operations
The John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To: Chairman Phil Mendelson

From: Brandon T. Todd, Chairman
Committee on Government Operations

Date: June 30, 2020

Subject: Requests for the July 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures be agendized for the July 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- **Performance Arts Promotion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020**
- **Performance Arts Promotion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020**
- **Performance Arts Promotion Amendment Act of 2020**

This legislation would provide support due to the COVID-19 public health emergency for certain businesses that host performing artists by amending the current real property tax rebate requirements in Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code. The statute currently requires that eligible performing arts venues offer 48 hours of live music performances during each month throughout the year to qualify for the rebate.

Since these venues closed down in mid-March 2020 due to the COVID-19 emergency, they cannot satisfy this requirement in Tax Year 2020. The legislation would allow venues that satisfied the monthly live performance requirement for 5 months to be eligible for the rebate during the Tax Year 2020. Since the tax year began on October 1, venues that satisfied the requirement during the months of October 2019 through February 2020 would be eligible for the rebate.

Draft copies of the legislation are attached. If you have any questions regarding this measure, please contact Manny Geraldo at mgeraldo@dccouncil.us.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director