

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the July 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting
DATE: July 1, 2020

I am writing to request that the following emergency measures be placed on the agenda of the Legislative Meeting on July 7, 2020.

Emergency and Temporary Legislations

- Business Support Grants Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020
- Business Support Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2020
- Business Support Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2020

These emergency measures would declare the existence of an emergency with respect to authorizing and providing immediate financial assistance to eligible small businesses for the purposes of recovering from the public health emergency.

The Mayor's ReOpenDC Plan included a recommendation, to "Address the underlying structural disparities that contribute to racial/socioeconomic inequities in DC pre COVID-19, including access to capital and access to markets." Therefore, these emergencies are essential in ensuring equity is at the forefront in supporting local and historically underserved businesses and at-risk businesses within key industries.

These emergency measures are necessary to ensure equitable recovery and that the businesses that help sustain the local economy and add to its cultural vibrancy are able to reopen and survive the pandemic.

- Streatery Program and Pop Up Locations Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020
- Streatery Program and Pop Up Locations Emergency Amendment Act of 2020

These emergency measures would declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to make changes to previously adopted council legislation to expand outdoor restaurant seating to account for changes necessary to implement Phase 2 of the phased re-opening of the District. The changes include requiring patrons to wear masks at restaurants except while eating or drinking; changes to carry-out provision previously adopted prior to Phase 1 of the re-opening to recognize that on-premises dining is now permitted in the District; and to provide ABRA with flexibility to make changes for when the District moves to Phase 3 of the phased re-opening.

Contracts

- CA23-0589 - Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS)

Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS) in the not to exceed amount of \$315,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

The purpose of these contracts is to allow contractors to collect abandoned property for the District to return to District residents. By allowing contractors to collect abandoned property for the District to return to District residents, the District is able to increase the amount of unclaimed property that the District holds for owners. Since Fiscal Year 1993, the Unclaimed Property Unit has returned approximately \$100 million of reported unclaimed property to its rightful owners.¹

- CA23-0590 - Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC

Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$492,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- CA23-0591 - Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC

Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$553,500.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-

¹ OFFICE OF FINANCE AND TREASURY, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY REPORTS (2012), available at https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/page_content/attachments/unclaimed_property_instruction_booklet_713.pdf.

² *Id.*

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- CA23-0592 - Proposed multiyear contract with Discovery Audit Services LLC (DAS)

Proposed multiyear contract with Discovery Audit Services LLC (DAS) in the not to exceed amount of \$108,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- CA23-0593 - Proposed multiyear contract with EECS LLC

Proposed multiyear contract with EECS LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$94,500.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it is related to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agents(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

- CA23-0594 - Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS)

Proposed multiyear contract with Audit Services US LLC (ASUS) in the not the exceed amount of \$135,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please contact Justin Roberts, Committee Director, at 202-724-8053 or jroberts@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.

- CA23-0595 - Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC

Proposed multiyear contract with Kelmar Associates LLC in the not the exceed amount of \$360,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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- CA23-0596 - Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC

Proposed multiyear contract with Verus Analytics LLC in the not the exceed amount of \$270,000.00 shall provide general ledger auditing, securities auditing, oversight of contractor-assisted self-audits, unclaimed property consulting services, collection and delivery of unclaimed property, as it relates to unclaimed property held and owing by companies (Holder) or agent(s) on behalf of the Office of Finance and Treasury.

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Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

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