

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Phil Mendelson
From: Councilmember Anita Bonds
Date: September 17, 2020
Subject: Notice of Intent to Move Amendment at the September 22, 2020 Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures be agendaized for the September 22, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Legislation

- “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”
- “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”
- “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”

This legislation institutes a moratorium on the Mayor’s issuance of a Certificate of Assurance, which guarantees a housing provider a property tax credit against any losses incurred as a result of an expansion of the District’s rent stabilization program. This legislation is necessary given the issues in the law and the COVID-19 pandemic, which affects tenants and landlords in different ways and whose requirements the law prevents the Council from carefully deliberating in this unprecedented moment. With a moratorium in place, the Council will have the opportunity through permanent legislation to deliberate fully the wisdom of whether to expand rent stabilization to more buildings and if so, to carefully decide where to draw the line concerning which buildings should qualify for rent stabilization.

Please contact Gabrielle Rogoff, Senior Research Analyst, at grogoff@dccouncil.us with any questions.