# 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 May 4, 2021 Legislative Meeting

**DATE:** April 29, 2021

Pursuant to Council Rule 426, regarding a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measure be agendized for the May 4, 2021 Legislative Meeting so that it may be included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and four-year financial plan. I also request that this measure be agendized for an Additional Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Rule 403 (b), should one be scheduled. This measure was marked up by the Committee on Business and Economic Development and has been filed timely with the Secretary's Office:

#### Measure from the Committee

#### • "D.C. Central Kitchen, Inc. Tax Rebate Amendment Act of 2021"

Bill 24-0068 would provide a charitable rebate of the D.C. Central Kitchen, Inc.'s (DCCK) portion of real property taxes owed for the office and program space it leases at 2121 1st Street, SW (Square 613, Lot 10) in Ward 6, beginning with Tax Year 2022. DCCK currently operates in the basement of the Federal City Shelter and is limited by its size and resources. DCCK recently secured a long-term headquarters that will triple its square footage and help confront the challenges posed by COVID-19 and systemic injustice. With this new 35,000 square-foot home, DCCK can expand its workforce development services by 150 percent, prepare 25,000 daily meals, and create 50 new full-time jobs within its organization. Because the property is owned by a for-profit entity, the portion leased by DCCK cannot qualify for an administrative real property tax exemption. DCCK anticipates generating \$200 million annually in measurable benefits for the District by 2025.

I am also requesting that you agendize the following ceremonial measures for the May 4, 2021 Legislative Meeting:

#### Ceremonial Resolutions

### • "Elizabeth A. Davis Posthumous Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2021"

Elizabeth A. Davis was the President of the Washington Teachers Union. This ceremonial resolution recognizes and honors Ms. Davis' powerful presence in the lives of students, teachers, and families through her dedication to teaching, activism, and grassroots organizing for the District of Columbia.

# • "Rudolph "Rudy" Michael Delano McGann, Jr. Posthumous Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2021"

Rudolph McGann was an adjunct professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law, Howard University and Howard University School of Law graduate, and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member.

This ceremonial resolution posthumously recognizes and honors the life of Rudolph McGann for his outstanding career and contributions to the residents of the District of Columbia.

# • "Elgin Gay Baylor Posthumous Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2021"

Elgin Gay Baylor – one of the greatest basketball players of all time – was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He attended Phelps High School before attending and graduating from Spingarn High School, where he set a Washington, D.C. high school record in 1954 by scoring 63 points in a basketball game. Elgin went on to have a dynamic career in the National Basketball Association. This ceremonial resolution posthumously recognizes and celebrates the life and talent of Elgin Gay Baylor for his positive impact on the District of Columbia.

# • "Andrew L. Ross, Ph.D., LCSW-C Recognition Resolution of 2021"

This ceremonial resolution recognizes and honors Dr. Andrew Ross for his long and distinguished career dedicated to the youth of the District of Columbia as President and CEO of The Children's Guild Alliance.

Drafts of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Ms. Alicia DiFazio at <a href="mailto:adifazio@dccouncil.us">adifazio@dccouncil.us</a>.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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