


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES**  
ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Robert C. White Jr.  
Chair, Committee on Government Operations and Facilities   
**DATE:** July 8, 2021  
**RE:** Requests for the Committee of the Whole and the Additional Legislative Meeting  
on July 13, 2021

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I request that the following measures be agendized for the Committee of the Whole and the Additional Legislative Meeting on July 13, 2021:

**Ceremonial Resolution**

I request that the following Ceremonial Resolution be agendized for the Additional Legislative Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A copy of the draft resolution is attached and will be filed on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

- **“Sheila Alexander-Reid Recognition Resolution of 2021”**

The resolution recognizes and honors Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs, for her service to the District of Columbia and its residents, on the occasion of her departure from her role as Director.

**Confirmation Resolutions**

I request that the following five confirmation resolutions be agendized for the Committee of the Whole and the Additional Legislative Meeting on July 13, 2021. The Committee on Government Operations and Facilities held a public roundtable on the resolutions on May 26, 2021. All five measures were marked up by the Committee on July 6, 2021. Copies of the Committee Reports and Committee Prints are attached.

- **PR24-0219, the “Commission on Human Rights Adam Maier Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

The resolution as introduced would confirm the reappointment of Adam Maier, a Ward 6 resident, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. In addition to his volunteer service with the Commission thus far, Mr. Maier has worked for Pathways to Housing DC for nearly 10 years. As the Director of Housing Partnership, he leads that organization’s housing-centric approach to social services for District residents. He previously served as a Council staff member, including 20 years with the Committee on Public Works and the Environment, 4 years with the Committee on Human Services, and 4 years in Councilmembers’ personal offices including a stint as a Chief of Staff.

- **PR24-0220, the “Commission on Human Rights Wynter Allen Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

PR24-0220 would confirm the reappointment of Wynter Allen, a Ward 4 resident, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. In addition to her service on the Commission since 2017, Ms. Allen is an experienced employment lawyer. She has been a partner in the Alden Law Group, PLLC, for over a decade, and served on the D.C. Public Employee Relations Board for several years of that period, including as Chair, before joining the Commission. She previously worked as a staff attorney with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

- **PR24-0239, the “Commission on Human Rights Anika Simpson Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

PR24-0239 would confirm the reappointment of Anika Simpson, a Ward 4 resident, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. In addition to her service on the Commission since 2017, Dr. Simpson is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Morgan State University. She founded Morgan State’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program and continues to serve as Program Coordinator. She is attentive to issues of racial equity and LGBTQ rights in both her scholarship and her activism. Her notable civic contributions include co-chairing the 2017 Equality March for Unity and Pride and continuing to co-chair the HBCU LGBTQ-Equality Advisory Council of the National Black Justice Coalition.

- **PR24-0241, the “Commission on Human Rights Lauren Lowery Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

PR24-0241 would confirm the appointment of Lauren Lowery, a Ward 8 resident, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ms. Lowery is the Housing & Community Development Program Director for the National League of Cities’ Center for City Solutions. Prior to moving to the District and taking on her current role in 2019, Ms. Lowery worked for the governments of other cities for several years, including in the Chattanooga Department of Economic and Community Development and for the Mayor of Norfolk. Her résumé reflects a consistent focus on housing, community development, and neighborhood development.

- **PR24-0242, the “Commission on Human Rights Maria Burnett Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

PR24-0242 would confirm the appointment of Maria Burnett, a Ward 1 resident, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ms. Burnett is a Senior Associate with the Africa Program of the Center for Strategic & International Studies. She previously served as a long-time human rights investigator and strategic administrator for Human Rights Watch, including as Associate Director of the Africa Division and Director, East & Horn of Africa. More recently, her résumé reflects a shift toward providing external expert analysis and consultation for human rights and rule of law non-

governmental organizations.

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