


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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the December 21, 2021, Additional Legislative Meeting
DATE: December 16, 2021

Pursuant to Council Rule 426, regarding a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measure be agendized for the December 21, 2021, Additional Legislative Meeting.

Otherwise, I request that the measure be agendized for the Committee of the Whole on December 21, 2021, should one be scheduled. The measure was marked up by the Committee on Business and Economic Development and has been timely filed with the Secretary's Office.

Measure from the Committee:

- **PR24-0479, the “WHC Huntwood Courts Apartments LLC/WHC Huntwood LLC Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2021”**

The proposed measure would authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery District of Columbia revenue and refunding bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7.5 million. The bond proceeds would facilitate the purchase of the Huntwood Courts Apartments at 5000 Hunt Street, N.E., and provision of 214 affordable rental housing units. WHC's proposed use of the revenue bond proceeds complies with Section 490 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

The Washington Housing Conservancy, or WHC, is a non-profit organization that acquires and owns real estate for the creation and preservation of affordable housing as part of the larger Washington Housing Initiative. WHC is governed by a group of volunteers including a former Councilmember, a former DC City Administrator and Deputy Mayor, philanthropists, real estate experts, and civic leaders. WHC currently owns and operates two multifamily properties comprising more than 3,000 units of affordable housing. Huntwood Courts would be WHC's first affordable housing project in the District.

I also write to request that the following emergency measure be placed on the December 21, 2021, Additional Legislative Meeting agenda:

Emergency Measure:

- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2021**
- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021**
- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021**

As part of the Fiscal year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-0045), the Council established the Small Business Rent Relief Program to provide grants to small businesses that have experienced economic hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Council included \$40 million in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's (DMPED) Fiscal Year 2022 budget to support the program. To timely disburse grants under this program in the new year, certain technical changes to the establishing legislation are necessary to ensure that the program is effectively and efficiently administered, including extending the rent relief period through December 31, 2021. Emergency action is necessary so that DMPED can expeditiously issue grants to small businesses that have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

Ceremonial Resolution:

- **Archbishop Carroll High School Football Team Recognition Resolution of 2021**

I, with Councilmember Robert White, am co-introducing a ceremonial to recognize and congratulate the Archbishop Carroll High School football team on its historic win at the DC State Athletic Association championship and its 13-1 record breaking season.

Attached are the filed materials supporting the revenue bonds measure, the filed ceremonial resolution, and the draft emergency measure. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Alicia DiFazio at adifazio@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