


**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 January 4, 2022, Legislative Meeting
DATE: December 29, 2021

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the January 4, 2022, Legislative Meeting agenda:

Emergency and Temporary Measure:

- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**

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 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.

Congressional Review Emergency:

- **Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Congressional Review Emergency Declaration of 2022**

The Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Emergency Act of 2021, effective October 25, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-182; 68 DCR 11325) expires on January 23, 2022. The Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Act of 2021, enacted on November 13 (D.C. Act 24-218; 68 DCR 12380) is pending in Congress and is projected to become law on February 2, 2022. There will be a 10-day gap in the law absent Council approval of this Congressional Review Emergency.

Ceremonial Resolution:

- **Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford 100th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2022**

This ceremonial resolution acknowledges and celebrates the 100th birthday of lifelong Washington, D.C. resident Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford.

The draft measures are attached. 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