

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
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**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Nyasha Smith, Secretary of the Council

**FROM:** Councilmember Brienne K. Nadeau *Brienne K. Nadeau*  
Councilmember Janeese Lewis George *Janeese Lewis George*

**RE:** Request to Call Special Legislative Meeting

**DATE:** February 15, 2022

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Pursuant to Council Rule 303(b), we request that the following measures be agendized at a special legislative meeting to be conducted on Friday, February 18, 2022, or at some other time this week:

Emergency Legislation:

- **“Public Health Protections Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Public Health Protections Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”**

This legislation extends the terms of Mayor’s Order 2021-148, which imposed a proof of vaccination requirement on certain establishments and facilities, for an additional 90 days beyond the February 15, 2022 expiration announced by the Mayor on February 14, 2022.

The nature of the emergency necessitating this legislation requires immediate Council action. Yesterday, without consulting with the Council, without warning, and without regard for the needs of vulnerable residents, including young children and immunocompromised individuals, the Executive announced that the proof of vaccination requirement would no longer be in effect after today.

The Executive did so despite children younger than five being unable to access any COVID-19 vaccine, immunocompromised individuals still being at risk, long COVID still decimating District residents, and there being little access to treatments for COVID-19 available in the District. The Executive did so despite the District’s State Epidemiologist, Dr. Anil Mangla, testifying just last week that restaurants and bars remain a leading source of COVID-19 transmission and that a bar was putting the community at risk by refusing to enforce the District’s vaccine mandate. Dr. Mangla stated that the District was “nowhere near” where it should be to lift the mandate.

A filed version of the resolution is attached. Please contact Dan Passon at [dpasson@dccouncil.us](mailto:dpasson@dccouncil.us) or (202) 834-8091 if you have any questions.

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