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MAYOR

January 31, 2022

Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
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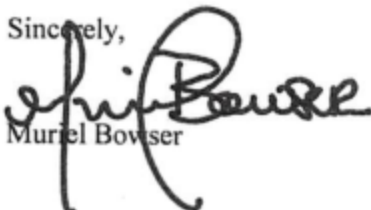
Dear Chairman Mendelson:


Enclosed for the consideration of the Council of the District of Columbia is the "Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2022," the "Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022", and the "Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2022." The emergency legislation amends the Police Officer and Firefighter Cadet Programs Funding Authorization and Human Rights Act of 1977 Amendment Act of 1982 to remove the requirement that cadets graduate from District of Columbia high schools in order to qualify for the Metropolitan Police Department's Cadet Corps.

The Cadet Program helps ensure young adults develop the leadership and analytical skills required to meet the challenges of law enforcement. Cadets work part-time for MPD while receiving a scholarship enabling them to earn up to 60 college credit hours at the University of the District of Columbia Community College. By expanding the program, more young adults will benefit from access to employment opportunities and secondary education. The program will still give preference to District of Columbia high school graduates, but many individuals may not have graduated from a District high school who are otherwise connected to the District and could serve the community well. This includes young adults who have spent most of their lives in the District but may have recently moved to and graduated in another state, or who attended school in a neighboring jurisdiction, but may have a parent or grandparent living in the District with whom they spend time regularly.

The Police Cadet Corps is designed to prepare candidates for entrance into the MPD Officer Recruit Program and ensure that a steady stream of District of Columbia young adults is actively recruited as future police officers. By expanding access to the Cadet Program, those individuals who might otherwise look for opportunities in neighboring jurisdictions may instead return to the District, allowing MPD to continue increasing the proportion of its officers who are invested in and understand the community they serve.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Police Officer and Firefighter Cadet Programs Funding Authorization and Human Rights Act of 1977 Amendment Act of 1982 to remove the requirement that cadets graduate from District of Columbia high schools in order to qualify for the Metropolitan Police Department's cadet program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2022."

Sec. 2. Section 2(a) of the Police Officer and Firefighter Cadet Programs Funding Authorization and Human Rights Act of 1977 Amendment Act of 1982, effective March 9, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-172; D.C. Official Code § 5-109.01(a)), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department shall establish a police officer cadet program, which shall include senior year high school students and high school graduates under 25 years of age residing in the District of Columbia for the purpose of instructing, training, and exposing interested persons to the operations of the Metropolitan Police Department and the duties, tasks, and responsibilities of serving as a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department."

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

1 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal
2 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures act of 1975,
3 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

4 Sec. 5. Effective date.

5 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor, a 30-day period of
6 congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule
7 Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and
8 publication in the District of Columbia Register.

9 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronan Gulstone
Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Brian K. Flowers
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DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Legislation, the “Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2022,” the Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution, and the “Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2022.”
(AD-21-654-B)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed legislation and has found it to be legally sufficient. If you have questions regarding this certification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-5524.

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