

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Anita Bonds
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the June 7, 2022 Legislative Meeting
DATE: June 1, 2022

I am requesting that you agendize the following measure for the June 7, 2022 Additional Committee of the Whole, should one be scheduled, pursuant to a waiver of Committee of the Whole Rule 403(b), and should one not be scheduled, for the regular Legislative Meeting pursuant to Council Rule 339(b):

Emergency and Temporary Legislation

1. Notice Requirements for Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022
2. Notice Requirements for Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022
3. Notice Requirements for Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2022

On March 1, 2022, the Council passed the Eviction Record Sealing and Fairness in Renting Amendment Act of 2022, which requires that housing providers give tenants at least 30-day notice prior to filing for eviction due to non-payment of rent. This permanent legislation followed several emergency/temporary acts which provided tenants with additional protections in response to the Coronavirus public health emergency and subsequent economic crisis. A24-0226, The Fairness in Renting Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, passed by the Council on November 2, 2021, requires that housing providers give tenants at least 30-day notice prior to filing for eviction under any circumstance. Other emergency/temporary acts require a 60-day notice prior to filing for eviction due to non-payment of rent, in order to give tenants adequate opportunity to apply for emergency rental assistance/relief programs. This series of temporary acts will expire over the course of the calendar year 2022.

The overlapping and sometimes contradicting notice requirements have made it difficult for the Superior Court to adjudicate eviction cases, particularly because of the lack of clarity as to the effective dates of the Eviction Record Sealing and Fairness in Renting Amendment Act of 2022, with respect to the additional requirements imposed by temporary legislation.

This legislation will make it clear that the new 30-day requirement does not apply to cases other than nonpayment of rent cases that were filed after January 1, 2022; it will also clarify that the new notice requirement does not supersede, and is not in addition to, existing

notice requirements in nonpayment of rent cases put into effect by the aforementioned emergency/temporary legislation.

Please contact Ram Uppuluri at rappuluri@dccouncil.us or at (202) 320-4707, with any questions.

Confirmation Resolutions

1. PR24-0632 – Full-time Commissioner of Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Cliftine Jones Confirmation Resolution of 2022
 - Description: This measure would reconfirm Cliftine Jones as a full-time Commissioner of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, for a term to end April 30, 2026.
2. PR24-0633 – Full-time Commissioner of Real Property Tax Appeals Commission May S. Chan Confirmation Resolution of 2022
 - Description: This measure would reconfirm May S. Chan as a full-time Commissioner of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, for a term to end April 30, 2026.
3. PR24-0634 – Full-time Chairperson of Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Trent T. Williams Confirmation Resolution of 2022
 - Description: This measure would reconfirm Trent Williams as a full-time Chairperson of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, for a term to end April 30, 2026.
4. PR24-0647– District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Edward Fisher Confirmation Resolution of 2022
 - Description: This measure would confirm Edward Fisher as a public commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority, replacing Melissa Lee, for the remainder an unexpired term to end July 12, 2022, and for a new term to end July 12 2025.
5. PR24-0655 – District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Melissa Lee Confirmation Resolution of 2022
 - Description: This measure would confirm Melissa Lee as a member with professional experience designing and developing public and private multi-family housing of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority, for a term to end July 12, 2025.

Committee Reports of these confirmations are attached. Please contact Aimellia Siemson at asiemson@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-5483, with any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary

Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs