

Council of the District of Columbia
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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brienne K. Nadeau *BrianneK.Nadeau*
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the September 20, 2022 Legislative Meeting
DATE: September 15, 2022

I request that the following measures be agendized for the September 20, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

Emergency and Temporary Legislation:

- **“Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Emergency Act of 2022”**
- **“Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2022”**

On November 2, 2021, the Council passed the Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2021, which will expire on October 13, 2022. This emergency and temporary legislation will extend the requirement that the Metropolitan Police Department provide written reports on its overtime pay spending to the Council. These measures are necessary to maintain the operation of the provisions of the temporary legislation currently in place while permanent legislation is considered.

Filed copies of these measures are attached. Please contact Nikita Easley at neasley@dccouncil.us or (202) 834-7976 if you have any questions.

Emergency and Temporary Legislation at the request of the Mayor:

- **“Migrant Services and Supports Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Migrant Services and Supports Emergency Act of 2022”**
- **“Migrant Services and Supports Temporary Act of 2022”**

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Mayor to establish and administer programs to provide services and supports specific to recent immigrants to the United States that are temporarily in the District, and to make conforming amendments to the Homeless Services Reform Act and the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act.

In recent weeks, the influx of migrants to the District of Columbia has increased substantially, from an average of 50 to 100 persons per day throughout April, May, and June 2022 to nearly 300 persons per day as of early August 2022. Texas and Arizona have pledged publicly to continue—and even expand—these busing operations indefinitely. The District government has coordinated with multiple non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”), which

quickly organized to aid the arriving migrants, and with the federal government and regional partners to ensure migrant arrivals are treated humanely and have the resources they need to reach their final destinations. The District government has also assisted the lead NGO for the migrant response in applying for and receiving approximately \$2 million in federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Emergency Food and Shelter Program, which has been used to assist migrants with shelter, food, supplies, and onward travel costs. However, during regular meetings, our NGO partners have told the District government that their capabilities—staffing, resources, and logistics—are becoming strained to the point where urgent, additional support is needed.

The influx of migrants into the District creates conditions that, absent the emergency direction of supports and resources, will soon exceed the District government’s capacity to provide appropriate and humane care for arriving migrants while maintaining necessary and appropriate levels of human services for District residents, particularly access to shelter and other services for residents experiencing homelessness. As a result of the current situation, the District government must take emergency action to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare.

Copies of these measures are attached and will be filed timely. Please contact Dan Passon at dpasson@dccouncil.us or (202) 834-8091 if you have any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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