


**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 October 18, 2022, Additional Legislative Meeting
DATE: October 13, 2022

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 18, 2022, Additional Legislative Meeting:

Congressional Review Emergency

- **“State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Grant-Making Establishment Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Grant-Making Establishment Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”**

The State Small Business Credit Initiative (“SSBCI”) is a federally authorized program supporting small business access-to-capital programs. The SSBCI allocated \$62 million to the District for deployment by 2030. To receive its allocation, the District was required to submit an application to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The application was submitted this past February. The allocated funds will be used, in part, to establish a venture capital program to invest in small businesses that have historically lacked access to capital.

The Council enacted legislation on an emergency and temporary basis to establish the State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program (“SSBCI-Venture Capital Program”) and provide the Mayor with the authority to launch the SSBCI-Venture Capital Program once the District’s application is approved by the Department of the Treasury and disbursements are made.

The State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Grant-Making Establishment Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective July 27, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-536; 69 DCR 9949), (“emergency legislation”) expires on October 25, 2022. The State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Grant-Making Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, passed on second reading on September 20, 2022 (Enrolled version of Bill 24-850), (“temporary legislation”) must complete the legislative process, including the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law before the expiration of the emergency legislation.

It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

Ceremonial Resolution

- **“Bishop-Designate Darrell Lewis Recognition Resolution of 2022”**

This ceremonial resolution recognizes Bishop-Designate Darrell Lewis on his appointment as Bishop Designate. Bishop-Designate Lewis is a District native who began his religious training under Dr. Todd Hall in 1993, completing his training in 1995. In 2005, Bishop-Designate Lewis was appointed

District Elder and recognized as a community leader by DC Councilmembers and Neighborhood Commissions. Bishop-Designate Lewis continued his education beyond his initial training, earning his Associates Degree in Biblical Studies from Anchor Bible College in 2020 before being appointed Bishop Designate in October 2021. Bishop-Designate Lewis has earned multiple accolades for his service to his church and community, including the Governor's Citation Award from the State of Maryland, an appointment as Chairman of the District Elder, and the Hero Award.

The draft measures are attached. Feel free to contact Committee Director Alicia DiFazio, at adifazio@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

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