


**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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**To:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**From:** Councilmember Elissa Silverman   
**Date:** November 9, 2022  
**Subject:** Request to Agenize Measures for the November 15, 2022, Additional Legislative Meeting

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I respectfully request the following measures be placed on the agenda for the November 15, 2022, Additional Legislative Meeting:

- DC Nursing Education Enhancement Program Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022
- DC Nursing Education Enhancement Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2022
- DC Nursing Education Enhancement Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2022

The DC Nurse Education Enhancement Program was established in the FY 2022 budget to provide education benefits for District residents in various nursing and health care programs at the University of the District of Columbia as well as at community training providers. In these programs, students work toward nursing degrees and nursing care certifications such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Home Health Aide (HHA), Medication Aide Certified (MA-C), Registered Nurse (RN), and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The program provides tuition assistance for students at the UDC 4- year program and the UDC-Community College (UDC-CC). Students within the UDC Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Division (UDC-WDLL) do not pay tuition therefore the program provides, among other things, living and transportation stipends for students. Stipends are not currently available to students at the UDC Community College.

UDC-CC enrolled 75 students in School Year 2021-2022. Many students' tuition was paid through federal Pell Grants; however, they struggled with paying for expenses related to program participation. These expenses vary but many desperately need financial assistance for transportation to and from their classes and purchasing food while on campus. Students struggling with transportation and hunger will not succeed in their courses. These emergency measures would allow UDC to provide stipends to the community college students, in addition to the WDLL students.

Drafts of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Marcia Huff at 202-430-6046 or [mhuff@dccouncil.gov](mailto:mhuff@dccouncil.gov).

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