

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Anita Bonds 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the February 7, 2023 Legislative Meeting
DATE: February 2, 2022

I request that the following measures be agendized for the February 7, 2023 Legislative Meeting.

Emergency/Temporary Legislation:

- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**
- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023**

This legislation would authorize the Mayor to issue rules to establish requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of hotels and motel rooms and establish standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions. Similar legislation was passed in Council Period 24, and the temporary version of that legislation is scheduled to expire on February 10, 2023. The single substantive change to this legislation is exempting lodging establishment that operate on an extended stay model from daily cleaning of occupied extended stay rooms.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the District government has implemented various safety measures to protect the safety of residents, domestic and international visitors to the District of Columbia, and hospitality workers through, among other things, enhanced cleaning protocols. Over the course of the pandemic, most hotels and motels implemented enhanced cleaning of guest rooms and shared areas to limit the spread of COVID-19. However, some of these establishments suspended or decreased the frequency with which they provided cleaning services leaving staff and patrons at risk of contracting COVID-19.

The recovery of the tourism industry is vital to the District's economic recovery, but some visitors are surprised to learn that some hotels and motels are not offering daily cleaning services. As the city begins to see a return to pre-pandemic tourism levels, it is imperative for health, safety and consumer protection that guests be provided routine and enhanced housekeeping and maintenance of private and communal spaces in hotels and motels unless the guest opts out of cleanings. District hotel and motel patrons should feel assured that any hotel or motel is abiding by its responsibility to provide safe, secure, and comfortable accommodations.

Drafts of the proposed resolution and emergency/temporary legislation are attached. Please contact Kevin Chavous at kchavous@dccouncil.gov, or Tosha Skolnik at nskolnik@dccouncil.gov or (202) 724-8025 with any questions.

Proposed Resolutions:

- **PR25-0063 – Compensation and Working Conditions Agreement between the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Washington Teachers’ Union, Local #6 of the American Federation of Teachers Approval Resolution of 2023**

This resolution would approve a collective bargaining agreement between the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU). The agreement provides for a wage increase of 2.5% for FY20, 2.5% for FY21, 3.5% for FY22, and 4% for FY23. It also provides for all DCPS employees who are WTU bargaining unit members to receive a retention bonus of 4% for the 2022-2023 school year, and an over and above bonus for “hard to fill” positions. Additionally, the agreement provides for increases to DCPS’ contributions for WTU bargaining unit members’ optical, dental, and legal benefits. The agreement also includes provisions for working conditions such as class sizes, which will ensure a productive educational environment for students. Please see the attached contract for more details.

The proposed resolution and the contract memo are attached. Please contact Kevin Chavous at kchavous@dccouncil.gov, or Tosha Skolnik at nskolnik@dccouncil.gov or (202) 724-8025 with any questions.

Ceremonial Resolutions:

- **Chita Rivera Recognition Resolution of 2023**

This ceremonial resolution recognizes the legendary Broadway star on the occasion of her recent 90th birthday. Ms. Rivera is a native of the District and one of the most decorated entertainers in history, having received ten Tony Award nominations (most all-time) and winning three. She’s the first Latina and Latina-American to receive a Kennedy Center Honor and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in 2009.

- **Mount Zion Female Union Band Cemetery Ceremonial Resolution of 2023**

This resolution recognizes the historic Georgetown cemetery on its 215th anniversary. The Mt. Zion cemetery is the oldest cemetery established by/for slaves in the area and one of the oldest in the nation.

- **Dustin Michael Schaad AKA Ba’Naka Ceremonial Resolution of 2023**

This resolution recognizes Ba’Naka in the aftermath of their untimely death on January 11, 2023. Ba’Naka was one of the most beloved drag performers in the District, having been awarded Best Drag Queen by the Washington Blade in 2011 and being a regular at drag shows and the annual high heel race in Dupont Circle.

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