

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEW FRUMIN, WARD 3

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Matthew Frumin
DATE: March 30, 2023
RE: Request for April 4, 2023



I request that the following legislation be placed on the agenda for the legislative meeting of the Council on April 4, 2023:

- **PR25-117, the Sense of the Council on the Establishment of an America250 Commission Resolution of 2023**

This Sense of the Council resolution urges the Mayor to establish an America250 Commission for the District of Columbia, charged with highlighting the complete story of the District within our national history.

On July 4, 2026, millions of Americans will celebrate the semiquincentennial anniversary of the nation's founding. These 250th anniversary celebrations must embrace an honest, inclusive history that acknowledges the triumphs of the American experiment and the still unrealized promises of equality, opportunity, and self-governance. The Mayor should partner with the Council in planning for this anniversary and establishing a commission to promote our shared goals of commemorating the entire history of the District and amplifying our fight for DC Statehood.

By establishing an America250 Commission for the District, we can ensure the 250th anniversary celebration recognizes DC as more than the seat of the Federal government. With adequate planning, education, and advocacy, the District will instead be memorialized as the home of revered local cultural, social, and political leaders and the backdrop of countless watershed moments in our nation's history. DC's story is America's story. Therefore, the Mayor should establish an America250 Commission to elevate our city's diverse history and culture.

Please contact my Legislative Director, Steven A. Palmer, at spalmer@dccouncil.gov or 202-724-8037 with any questions.