


**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 September 19, 2023, Legislative Meeting
DATE: September 14, 2023

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the September 19, 2023, Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Legislation

- **2023 World Culture Festival, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **2023 World Culture Festival, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**

The World Culture Festival is organized by the Art of Living Foundation, a non-governmental organization accredited by the United Nations in 1996 with the purpose of celebrating culture, diversity, and unity through music and other forms of art. This year, the District will host the fourth World Culture Festival from September 29, 2023 through October 1, 2023, and become the first US city to host this event. The World Culture Festival was previously hosted by Bangalore, India, New Delhi, India, and Berlin, Germany. The event has attracted a host of attendees to these cities ranging from 70,000 to 3.75 million people. This year, over 250,000 people are expected to attend the World Culture Festival on the National Mall.

The Art All Night event takes place this year on September 29, 2023 and September 30, 2023. Art All Night allows residents and visitors to enjoy performing and visual arts throughout the District's business corridors and view local artists on the center stage. Art All Night, which is organized by the Department of Small and Local Business Development ("DSLBD"), has grown since 2011 to over 20 participating neighborhoods located in all 8 wards with over 180,000 attendees from across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia region. In addition, the District will hold the inaugural Dine All Night event from September 21, 2023 through October 1, 2023. Dine All Night is an all-night dining and culinary event organized by DSLBD that involves qualifying restaurants and food establishments. Dine All Night provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the boundless creativity and artistic skills of our local chefs and mixologists.

The emergency legislation will allow restaurants, food establishments, and other businesses to participate in these events and to extend their hours of operation to 24 hours a day, including offering alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. for sale, service, and consumption. Businesses participating in Art All Night or Dine All Night may offer outdoor entertainment until 11 p.m. and indoor entertainment until 2 a.m. during those dates that they are registered to participate with DSLBD. Businesses participating in Art All Night or Dine All Night with a valid certificate of occupancy may sell, serve, and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages during those dates that they are registered with DSLBD to participate.

The emergency legislation requires licensees and eligible businesses to register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration and the Metropolitan Police Department by September 28, 2023, prior to the start of the World Culture Festival and Art All Night on September 29, 2023, to allow for the advance planning of staffing and resources. Consequently, it is necessary for the Council to consider the legislation on an emergency basis.

Emergency Legislation on Behalf of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer

- **Fiscal Year 2024 Income Tax Secured Revenue Bond, General Obligation Bond and General Obligation and Income Tax Secured Bond Anticipation Note Issuance Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Fiscal Year 2024 Income Tax Secured Revenue Bond, General Obligation Bond and General Obligation and Income Tax Secured Bond Anticipation Note Issuance Authorization Emergency Approval Resolution of 2023**

This emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that the District of Columbia can issue bonds in a timely manner and take advantage of favorable market conditions to provide funding for or to reimburse the District for funds already expended on Fiscal Year 2024 capital projects approved and undertaken pursuant to the District's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Financial Plan.

The draft emergency measures and filed measures on behalf of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer are attached. Feel free to contact Legislative Director, Doni Crawford, at dcrawford@dccouncil.gov, 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