


**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE SR., WARD 8**  
MEMORANDUM  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson   
**FROM:** Councilmember Trayon White Sr.  
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the October 2023, Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** June 7, 2023

I request that the following emergency measures be agendized for the October 3, 2023, Legislative Meeting:

- Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023
- Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Emergency Clarification Act of 2023
- Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Temporary Clarification Act of 2023
- Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Clarification Act of 2023

In the FY2023-2024 Local Budget Act, The Council authorized the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) to issue a recurring grant to an organization that has received grants in the past, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, beginning in FY23.

After passage of the law permitting this allocation, DSLBD learned that the named entity, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, was not authorized to receive funds because it was not the official name of an entity recognized by the District government. Instead, the established and properly incorporated entity is called the DC Community Development Consortium. Because of this, a technical clarification of the name of the grantee was necessary prior to releasing funds.

Without legislation authorizing DSLBD to release the grant to the DC Community Development Consortium instead of to the Ward 8 Community Investment Council, funds allocated by the Council to support Ward 8 entrepreneurs and small businesses cannot be used as intended.

Drafts of the measures and are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Grant at 724-8039 or [rgrant@dccouncil.gov](mailto:rgrant@dccouncil.gov) .

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