


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE: November 2, 2023 

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the November 2, 2023 Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the November 2, 2023 Legislative Meeting, at the request of the Office of the Attorney General:

- **Contract No. DCCB-2023-F-0043 with Edelson PC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Contract No. DCCB-2023-F-0043 with Edelson PC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2023**

This proposed contingency fee contract is between Edelson PC and the Office of the Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$55 million from August 17, 2023 through five years. Under the proposed contract, Edelson PC shall provide outside legal counsel to assist the Public Advocacy Division of the Office of the Attorney General with the investigation and potential litigation against identified social media targets for violations of the Consumer Protection Procedures Act. As this is a contingency fee contract, Edelson PC will only receive payment from the proceeds of any recovery won through settlement, judgment, or otherwise. There are two (2) two-year option periods for the contract. This contract requires Council approval as it exceeds one year.

Copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.