




**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO, WARD 2
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson   
FROM: Councilmembers Brooke Pinto, Christina Henderson, and Trayon White
RE: Request to Agendize Emergency Measure for the November 21, 2023 Legislative Meeting
DATE: November 16, 2023

We request that the following emergency measures be agendized for the November 21, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- Opioid Crisis and Juvenile Crime Public Emergencies Extension Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023
- Opioid Crisis and Juvenile Crime Public Emergencies Extension Authorization Emergency Amendment Act of 2023
- Opioid Crisis and Juvenile Crime Public Emergencies Extension Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2023

On November 13, 2023, the Mayor issued Order 2023-141, which declares two separate public emergencies in the District—one related to the ongoing opioid crisis, and one related to the ongoing crisis of youth violence in the District. The emergency declarations allow District agencies to respond more flexibly, cooperatively, and expeditiously to these crises.

Under District law, the emergency declarations may not extend beyond 15 days without Council authorization. Without such Council authorization, the enhanced authorities of District agencies will expire.

This legislation would authorize the Mayor to extend these emergencies until March 31, 2024. The legislation also clarifies the District's public emergency law to clarify the scope of public health circumstances that may warrant the declaration of a public emergency.

Drafts of the emergency and temporary measures are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Evan Marolf, Committee Director, at (202) 724-8073 or emarolf@dccouncil.gov.