

**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 December 5, 2023, Legislative Meeting
DATE: November 30, 2023

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the December 5, 2023, Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Legislation

- **Streatery Program Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Streatery Program Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**
- **Streatery Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023**

On June 30, 2022, the Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2022 took effect (D.C. Law 24-127), which allows Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“Board”) licensed establishments that register with the Board to offer beer, wine, or spirits for sale on expanded outdoor space until December 31, 2023 (“Streatery Program”). As of October 17, 2023, there are currently 178 licensed establishments that have registered and possess temporary Streatery Program endorsements from the Board that will expire on December 31, 2023.

On October 11, 2023, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) announced the extension of temporary Streatery Program permits through December 31, 2024, to allow DDOT more time to develop regulations and guidelines needed to facilitate a permanent Streatery Program. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (“ABCA”) is currently working on legislation that would amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to create a permanent Streatery Program endorsement. ABCA is also working collaboratively with DDOT on a permanent Streatery Program. In the interim, emergency legislation is necessary to extend the Streatery Program for an additional year while permanent legislation is considered by the Council.

- **People’s Counsel Holdover Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **People’s Counsel Holdover Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**

The current People’s Counsel has a term that expired in June 2023 and the allowable holdover period is set to expire on or about December 10, 2023. The current People’s Counsel was renominated by the Mayor on November 1, 2023, and the nomination resolution was referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development on November 7, 2023. There is inadequate time for the Council and the Committee to review and act on the nomination for this important position before the current allowable holdover period expires. Thus, there exists an immediate need to extend the holdover period to allow sufficient time for the Council’s review. Preserving the continuity of the People’s Counsel’s term of office is vital as there are several important cases before the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, including the Pepco and Washington Gas rate cases, Project Pipes, numerous climate-related proceedings, and water and energy litigation before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

The draft measures 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