


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. 
DATE: November 1, 2023
RE: Request to Agendize measures for the November 7th Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures be agendized for the November 7, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding Removal Reprogramming Request No. 25-0073 Disapproval Resolution of 2023**

Reprogramming 25-0073 was introduced on October 18th. The effect of the reprogramming would be to remove \$20,600,000 in Federal ARPA dollars from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERAP”) to instead support the Family Rehousing and Stabilization Program (“FRSP”), or rapid re-housing. The language of the reprogramming request suggests that these funds were “errantly budgeted” for ERAP, which is inaccurate. The Council intentionally chose to allocate available, undesignated Federal ARPA funds to meet the evident need for support for the ERAP program, which has once again stopped receiving applications due to inadequate funding.

The language of the reprogramming request further states that FRSP will be operating in a deficit if allocated funding is not cut from the ERAP program. This presupposes that no funding from other sources is allocated to meet the needs of both ERAP and FRSP and unnecessarily pits two social safety net programs against each other.

The Committee on Housing has been in contact with the administration to discuss these concerns and the need for a viable path forward for some months and has identified potential alternative funding sources within the Committee.

- **Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023**
- **Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023**

On July 11, 2023, the Council adopted the Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, enacted on July 31, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-189; 70 DCR 10718). The measure expires on October 29, 2023. On September 19, 2023, the Council adopted the Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Temporary Amendment Act of 2023. The temporary measure was signed by the Mayor on October 11, but has not completed its 30-day Congressional review period. This identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.



- **Transgender Day of Remembrance Recognition Resolution of 2023**

This resolution seeks to recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance and to celebrate the resilience of transgender individuals and communities, and to declare Monday, November 20, 2023, as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the District of Columbia.

Draft versions of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Shawn Hilgendorf, Committee Director, shilgendorf@dccouncil.gov.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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