

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
BROOKE PINTO, CHAIRWOMAN**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brooke Pinto 
Chairwoman, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
RE: Request to Agendize Emergency Measure for the March 5, 2024 Legislative Meeting
DATE: February 29, 2024

I request that the following emergency and temporary measures be agendized for the March 5, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Secure DC Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

In response to the significant spike in crime the District has experienced recently, Councilmember Pinto, as Chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, put forth the Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2024 (“Secure DC”). Secure DC includes provisions from a number of bills introduced and considered in 2023 aimed at preventing crime, increasing accountability, and strengthening government coordination.

This emergency legislation aims to accelerate adoption of several provisions within Secure DC. The measures proposed here are tailored to address gaps or areas requiring clarity in the law, provide the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) and prosecutors in the District with the tools and authority necessary to deter, investigate, and prosecute crime, ensure that individuals who present a danger to the public can be held prior to trial, and provide critical support and protections for victims (or potential victims) of crime.

The emergency legislation is necessary as the Council’s passage of the permanent requires Mayoral and congressional review, meaning that the permanent version may not go into effect for several months, thus delaying the implementation of Secure DC to address the crisis.

This emergency legislation represents common-sense, meaningful steps toward addressing the recent spate in crime until the permanent version of Secure DC takes effect. The emergency bill is identical to the permanent version of Secure DC, except that it excludes provisions that carry a fiscal impact and thus cannot be moved on emergency.

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