

Council of the District of Columbia
OFFICE OF WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER ZACHARY PARKER
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Zachary Parker 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the March 5, 2024 Legislative Meeting
DATE: February 29, 2024

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

Emergency Legislation

- **Violence Prevention Grant Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Violence Prevention Grant Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
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In the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Act, the Council sought to fund earmarked grants in the amount of \$150,000 intended for three organizations in the District working to prevent gun violence: The TRIGGER Project, Yaay Me, and ParentWatch. Ultimately, the Council funded one grant in the amount of \$150,000 as a “nearmark” intended for the TRIGGER Project, to be issued by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE). The Council envisioned the TRIGGER Project working with Yaay Me and ParentWatch to use these funds in the most effective way to work on youth violence prevention efforts. Unfortunately, although a request for applications was posted, nearly halfway through Fiscal Year 2024, the grant has not been awarded. Emergency and temporary legislation are necessary to effectuate the original intent of the Council and ensure that these grants are issued. This emergency legislation requires ONSE to issue grants to the original three intended grantees no later than April 15, 2024.

- **Ronnie Awad Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2024**

The Ronnie Awad Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2024 recognizes Ronnie Awad for his dedication to the Ward 5 community as a small business owner.

Copies of the measure are attached. For any questions or concerns, please contact Kendra Wiley, Legislative Director, at (202) 724-8028 or kwiley@dccouncil.gov.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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