


COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. 
Chair, Committee on Housing
DATE: July 3rd, 2024
RE: Requests for the Additional Legislative Meeting on July 9th, 2024

I request that the following measures appear on the agenda for the Additional Legislative Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2024.

Emergency Legislation

- **District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **District of Columbia Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

Since December 2022, the District of Columbia Housing Authority has operated under the oversight of a special Stabilization and Reform Board (STAR Board) and been subject to heightened accountability and reporting requirements. The emergency legislation establishing the STAR Board contemplated a 2-year term, but the latest temporary legislation setting out its mandate expires on August 1, 2024; additional emergency and temporary legislation is needed to continue the current structure as intended.

On July 1, the STAR Board transmitted recommendations for its own replacement board structure, pursuant to DC Code § 6-210.02(c)(4). See <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/RC25-0207>. The Council will need to evaluate the STAR Board's proposal, with input from the Mayor and public, before making changes to the current governance structure for DCHA.

- **Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program Rules Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program Rules Emergency Approval Resolution of 2024**

On April 23, 2024, Chairman Mendelson introduced PR25-0731, the "Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program Rules Approval Resolution of 2024" at the request of the Mayor. This resolution would approve rules establishing requirements and procedures for the District's Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program ("DC Flex"), that, among other things, would expand eligibility to include adult-only households without children and reduce the minimum age of applicants to the program from 21 to 18.

Without Council action, these rules would be deemed approved on September 16, 2024. However, DHS has indicated that approval before Council recess is necessary in order to appropriately

implement the program, including through expanding eligibility. Emergency legislation is necessary to allow DHS to begin to implement the program under the proposed rules prior to September.