

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to disapprove proposed contract No. CW116503 with PFC Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$20,130,423.28 to provide occupational and ancillary healthcare services for covered employees.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Proposed Contract No. CW116503 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 1, 2024, the Mayor transmitted proposed contract No. CW116503 with PFC Associates, LLC (“PFC”) to the Council for approval. The proposed contract is for PFC Associates to provide occupational and ancillary healthcare services to covered employees. The proposed term is August 22, 2024, through August 21, 2025.

(b) PFC has held this contract for a number of years. Under the contract, PFC operates the Police and Fire Clinic, which provides occupational healthcare services and related services to first responders in the District, including police officers and firefighters. Both the Firefighters Association and the Police Union expressed great frustration with PFC and the quality of service it is providing to their members. Both unions sent letters to Councilmember Pinto detailing their concerns. In addition, multiple individuals have contacted the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety in the past several months, describing unacceptable levels of treatment by the PFC.

33 (c) On June 14, 2024, Councilmember Pinto sent a letter to the Office of Contracting and
34 Procurement detailing these and other serious concerns with PFC and the process by which PFC
35 was selected to continue operating the Police and Fire Clinic. Among other things, the letter
36 discussed the story of a firefighter named Mark Murphy, who recently sought treatment from the
37 clinic for post-traumatic stress disorder; Mr. Murphy says that his therapist at the clinic treated
38 him with dismissiveness and condescension, questioned his diagnosis, and suggested that his
39 symptoms were actually caused by playing a violent video game. The letter also raised
40 questions as to why union representatives were not given input in the selection process for this
41 competitively-bid contract.

42 (d) Councilmember Pinto has not received a response to this letter. Instead, on July 1,
43 2024, the Mayor transmitted this proposed contract to the Council for approval.

44 (e) Significant questions remain about PFC's ability to provide adequate services to first
45 responders in the District. Unless and until those questions are answered, the Council owes it to
46 our first responders not to rubber-stamp this contract.

47 (f) Because the proposed contract was introduced only 11 days before the Council's
48 summer recess period begins, there is insufficient time to introduce a standard disapproval
49 resolution and consider it before the proposed is deemed approved, as the contract would be
50 deemed approved 45 calendar days after it was submitted to the Council, or August 15, during
51 the Council's summer recess.

52 (d) Thus, the Council's only feasible option to exercise oversight over this proposed
53 contract is to consider a disapproval resolution at the July 9 Additional Legislative Meeting.

54 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
55 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the

56 Proposed Contract No. CW116503 Emergency Disapproval Resolution of 2024 be adopted on an
57 emergency basis.

58 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.