


**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 Place Measures on the Agendas for the July 9, 2024 Legislative Meeting
DATE: July 3, 2024

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 9, 2024 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **The “Proposed Contract No. CW116503 Disapproval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”**
- **The “Proposed Contract No. CW116503 Emergency Disapproval Resolution of 2024”**

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.

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 me 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 PFC.

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

I have not received a response to this letter. Instead, on July 1, the Mayor transmitted this proposed contract to the Council for approval.

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

Because the proposed contract was introduced only 11 days before the Council's summer recess period begins, there is insufficient time to introduce a standard disapproval resolution and consider it before the proposed contract is deemed approved. Pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.51(b)(2)(B), the contract would be deemed approved 45 calendar days after it was submitted to the Council, or August 15, during the Council's summer recess.

Thus, the Council's only feasible option to exercise oversight over this proposed contract is to consider an emergency disapproval resolution at the July 9 Additional Legislative Meeting.

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