

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Christina Henderson  
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the September 17, 2024, Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** September 12, 2024

I request that you place the following measures on the agenda for the September 17, 2024, Legislative Meeting:

### **Emergency Legislation:**

- ❑ Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2024
- ❑ Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024
- ❑ Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024

To address critical staffing needs at the Office of Unified Communications, the Council passed the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 on December 5, 2023. This measure granted to firefighters retired from the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and police officers retired from the Metropolitan Police Department eligibility for rehire at the discretion of the Director of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) as temporary full-time or temporary part-time 911 call takers or 911 dispatchers without an annuity offset.

OUC has fully onboarded one retired firefighter as a 911 dispatcher since the emergency legislation went into effect, and additional firefighters plan to apply for dispatcher and call-taker positions as they become eligible. Permanent, identical legislation is pending in the Council, and the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Temporary Amendment Act of 2023 will expire on October 12, 2024. An extension of the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 is necessary to allow OUC to continue employing the firefighter hired as a dispatcher through the emergency legislation and to continue recruiting and hiring retired firefighters and police officers as 911 call takers and 911 dispatchers.

Draft measures are attached. Please contact my Legislative Director, Gabrielle Rogoff, at [grogoff@dccouncil.gov](mailto:grogoff@dccouncil.gov) with any questions.