


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: October 24, 2024

RE: **Request to Place Measure on the Agenda for October 29, 2024 Additional Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 29, 2024 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Second Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Second Emergency Act of 2024**

D.C. Act 25-547, the “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Act of 2024,” will expire October 24, 2024. Permanent legislation to close the public alley in Square 5051 (Bill 25-614) is currently undergoing Mayoral review and will go through congressional review afterward. Thus, an emergency is necessary to prevent a gap in the law.

Additionally, District law currently requires a completed tax abatement financial analysis (“TAFAs”) before the Council can hold a hearing on a bill with a tax exemption or abatement that is not of general applicability. The Office of Chief Financial Officer estimates that, on average, a TAFAs may take as long as 4 weeks to complete. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a hearing for Bill 25-1004, the “Downtown Arena Revitalization Act of 2024,” to take place on November 14, 2024. The Office of Chief Financial Officer cannot complete a TAFAs before this date. As such, it is necessary to amend Section 47-4701 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify that a TAFAs must be completed and provided to the Council before final reading.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.