


**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the November 12, 2024 Legislative Meeting
DATE: November 6, 2024

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for Legislative Meeting scheduled for November 12, 2024:

Congressional Review Emergency Legislation

- **Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**

There existed an immediate need to require that tax abatements for housing in downtown be awarded competitively, ensure proper recording of the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act exemption, extend the timeframe for receiving a certificate of occupancy, and remove a calculation that is no longer applicable. In January 2024, the Council enacted the Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Technical Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective February 1, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-386; 71 DCR 1460), (“emergency legislation”) and the Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on February 6, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-399; 71 DCR 2093) (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-mentioned issues.

The temporary legislation expires on November 21, 2024. The permanent legislation was passed by Council and signed by the Mayor on October 31, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-617) (“permanent legislation”), but must still complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law until after the temporary legislation has expired. It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency and temporary legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the permanent legislation is in effect.

Please contact Justin Kim, Committee Director, at jkim@dccouncil.gov with any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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