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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau Brianne K. Nadeau

RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the December 17, 2024 Legislative Meeting

DATE: December 12, 2024

I request that the following measures be agendized for the December 17, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Measures:

- Language Access Rulemaking Emergency Amendment Act of 2024
- Language Access Rulemaking Emergency Amendment Declaration Resolution of 2024
- Language Access Enforcement Amendment Temporary Act of 2024

Over the past year, OHR has undertaken the extensive project of drafting amendments to the Language Access Regulations (4 DCMR § 1200et seq.) to improve the process for all involved by clarifying the rights of LEP/NEP constituents, the responsibilities of all covered entities, and the complaint procedure at OHR. The proposed amendments focus on ensuring that there is clarification of the programmatic requirements for covered entities to ensure they are complying with the Language Access Act (LAA), identifying additional agencies as entities with major public contact, and, inter alia, and clarifying the OHR complaint procedure. Emergency legislation is necessary to ensure the Mayor, through the Office of Human Rights, can promulgate and amend rules and regulations to allow for effective enforcement of the LAA.

Please contact Sabrin Qadi, Senior Legislative Assistant, at sqadi@dccouncil.gov if you have any questions.

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