

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Housing
DATE: May 1, 2025
RE: Requests for May 6 Legislative Meeting



Please include the measures below on the agenda for the legislative meeting on May 6, 2025.

Ceremonial Resolutions

- **Marvin “Slush” Gross Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2025**

This measure would honor Marvin “Slush” Gross for his contributions to the global dance scene, as founder of the Go-Go dance style Beat Ya Feet, and for his lasting legacy in the Barry Farm community and the District of Columbia.

- **Father Michael J. Kelley Recognition Resolution of 2025**

This measure would recognize and honor Father Michael J. Kelley for his outstanding contributions to 50 years of pastoral and community service in the District of Columbia.

Contract approval legislation at the request of the D.C. Housing Authority (DCHA)

- **PR26-167, Multiyear Contract Number 0032-2024E with Ruppert Landscape, LLC Approval Resolution of 2025**

DCHA proposes to engage Ruppert to perform regular mowing and other groundskeeping services at 4 public housing communities, for a total of \$301,738.80. A proposed contract and detailed summary are available in the Council’s Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) as CA26-112.

DCHA has not requested emergency approval, and the contact value is below the \$1 million annual threshold that would trigger a passive Council approval process; however, because the term exceeds 1 year, federal law requires active Council approval by resolution for the contract to proceed.

Because the Council unanimously approved near-identical contracts from the same solicitation series at its February and March regular legislative meetings, I recommend including this measure on the consent agenda pursuant to Rule 411(a).

- **PR26-175, Multiyear Contract Number 0013-D-2022 with Vigil Contracting, Inc. Approval Resolution of 2025**

DCHA proposes to engage Vigil to plan and perform security system upgrades at 5 public housing communities over a 4-year term for a total of \$3.7 million. Vigil's responsibilities would include installation of or upgrades to camera systems, door fob systems, garage gates, and related electrical systems. DCHA's proposed contract for this work is available in LIMS as CA26-128.

- **Proposed Multiyear Contract between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and Harvard Court Owner, LLC to Contract Number 2025-LRSP-04A**

This resolution would approve an Agreement to enter into a Long-Term Subsidy Contract (ALTSC) between DCHA and the developer of a proposed 108-unit apartment building. The project site is currently the parking lot of the Columbia Heights Village Apartments in Ward 1. The developer began as a joint venture between NHP Foundation, the Columbia Heights Village Tenant Association, and Change All Souls Housing Corporation.

DCHA is one of several agencies that has committed to subsidizing this project through the affordable housing Consolidated Request for Proposals (CRFP) process that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers. The proposed ALTSC represents DCHA's commitment of 22 Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) project-based vouchers for households making 30% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI), who would also receive Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) services. The remaining 86 units in the proposed apartment building would all be reserved for households making 50% AMI or less, though they are not directly implicated in this contract. The proposed ALTSC is available in LIMS as CA26-139. DCHA has reportedly filed the attached resolution.

- **Proposed Multiyear contract between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and 2607 Connecticut LLC to Contract Number 2025-LRSP-03A**

This resolution would approve an ALTSC between DCHA and a subsidiary of SOME, Inc., which is working to acquire a building in Ward 3 consisting of 23 junior-1-bedroom apartments. The proposed ALTSC is available in LIMS as CA26-140. The ALTSC represents a commitment of 2 LRSP project-based vouchers for households that would also receive PSH services from Woodley House. 1 unit would be for a service provider living onsite and the other 20 would be reserved for households making 50% AMI or less, though they are not directly implicated in this contract. DHCD also plans to provide a Housing Production Trust Fund subsidy to support acquisition costs. DCHA has reportedly filed the attached resolution.

Please contact Sean Cuddihy at scuddihy@dccouncil.gov with any questions.