

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

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nyasha Howard, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: March 26, 2026

RE: **Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for March 31, 2026 Regular Legislative Meeting**

Please place the following measures on the agenda for the March 31, 2026 Regular Legislative Meeting:

- **PR26-0564 - Nationals Ballpark Amended and Restated Lease Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **B26-0620 - Nationals Ballpark Amended and Restated Lease Emergency Act of 2026**

These measures were introduced by me at the request of Events DC. The legislation provides for the approval of an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between the Washington Nationals Stadium LLC and Events DC for Nationals Ballpark in accordance with the Ballpark Maintenance Act we adopted in fall of 2024 (the Ballpark Budget and Maintenance Amendment Act of 2024, effective March 7, 2025 (D.C. Law 25-276; 72 DCR 3087)). The Ballpark Maintenance Act requires that the amended lease include a term extension through at least February 28, 2054.

The Amended and Restated Lease Agreement will keep the Nationals Baseball Club in the District through longer than the law requires: at least through the 2058 season. It also provides a dedicated stream of funding for the modernization and upkeep of the stadium.

Events DC and the Washington Nationals Baseball Club have engaged in extensive negotiations over a long period of time to reach agreement on the lease. With the Council's approval, both parties are now prepared to execute the document to keep Major League Baseball in the District for at least the next generation.

Draft copies of the measures are available on LIMS. Please call me or Christian A. Washington, Special Counsel, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8083.

cc: All Councilmembers  
Council Officers