

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT C. WHITE, JR.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. 
DATE: March 24, 2026
RE: Request to Place Motion to Override the Mayoral Veto of Bill 26-0614 on the Agenda for the March 31, 2026 Legislative Meeting

Pursuant to Council Rule 429(5), this is a request to place the below measure on the agenda as new business for the March 31, 2026 Legislative meeting:

- **Motion to Override the Mayoral Veto of Bill 26-0614, the “Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”**

On March 3, 2026, the Council unanimously approved Bill 26-0614, the Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Emergency Amendment Act of 2026, on first reading.

Under existing law, MPD officers must document which local law enforcement officers are present at the scene of an arrest or when force is used. Bill 26-0614 builds on this provision to require MPD to collect this information for federal law enforcement as well. Specifically, the legislation requires that all local arrest reports and probable cause affidavits include the name, badge number or other identifying number, and employing agency of *every* officer on the scene at an arrest, including federal officers. It also requires MPD officers to document whether any officer used force, a description of that force, and the number of officers who refuse to identify themselves.

The Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Emergency Amendment Act was crafted in collaboration with civil rights groups as a direct response to the uses of force by federal law enforcement against District civilians like Philip Brown and Julian Bailey—victims whose families have been left without answers and without justice. Following these incidents, the Council acted swiftly and unanimously on behalf of residents to expand disclosure requirements and prevent future coverups.

This bill is a commonsense step to protect District residents through transparency in arrest reporting, just like the standards already in place for MPD. To walk back its unanimous passage despite resounding public support and the ongoing presence of federal law enforcement in our city would be to abdicate our responsibility as legislators and public servants. To expect Congress, the entity currently considering a plethora of anti-DC bills aimed at undermining Home Rule and eroding our autonomy and way of life to step in to protect District residents from federal law enforcement officers would be unconscionable. I urge my colleagues to support this motion to override the Mayoral veto.

Please contact Jaya Pillai (jpillai@dccouncil.gov) and Francesca Bryce (fbryce@dccouncil.gov, (202)-478-1408) if you have any questions.