

Council of the District of Columbia
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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau *Brianne K. Nadeau*
RE: Request to Agendize for May 5 Legislative Meeting
DATE: April 30, 2026

I am requesting that the following measures be agendized for the May 5 Legislative Meeting:

Permanent legislation from the Committee on Public Works and Operations:

For each of the following permanent measures, please include on the agenda a **motion to waive Rule 231(c)**. Due to Committee staff budget work obligations, report filing did not satisfy Committee of the Whole Rule 403(b), but complete reports have been filed as of the circulation of this memorandum, in compliance with Council Rule 426(b). [Complete draft reports have been publicly available since Monday, April 27.](#)

- **Bill 26-0174, “Enhancing Consumer Protection Procedures Amendment Act of 2025”**

The Consumer Protection Procedures Act, or CPPA, is the District’s primary law protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices. The CPPA is enforced by both the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection and the Office of the Attorney General. The CPPA also provides for a private right of action, through which a consumer, or public interest group, may sue for damages resulting from harm by unlawful trade practices.

B26-0174 makes critical updates to procedures and penalties to ensure that these agencies have the tools necessary to enforce consumer protections, including expanding OAG’s authority in court proceedings to swiftly gather information and close a business. The bill also expands DLCP’s power to issue cease-and-desist orders and to suspend or revoke the business license of an owner who ignores DLCP orders or poses a threat to public health or safety.

Similar to the federal Consumer Financial Protection Act, B26-0174 adds a new prohibition against “abusive” conduct, or business practices that take advantage of consumers’ lack of knowledge or understanding of the product or transaction. It expands the CPPA to cover charitable solicitations, ensuring that organizations seeking donations cannot deceive or take advantage of potential donors by misrepresenting what the money will be used for. The bill updates the definition of merchant to include companies that offer free services, including social media companies, ensuring these platforms should be held to the same standards as other companies in the District and ensure that their users are entitled to the same rights as other consumers.

The Committee Print makes several updates to the bill as introduced. It adds an additional provision to strengthen DLCP enforcement by granting the ability to summarily shutter a business

that presents an immediate danger to the public. The print adds additional prohibitions under the CPPA, including deceptive pricing and hidden fees, ensuring that consumers in the District have all of the information up front when deciding to make a purchase. It also prohibits incorrect or incomplete business ownership disclosures under the CPPA, giving teeth to the enforcement provisions to address a long-standing issue related to housing code violations.

- **Bill 26-0249, the “Nonprofit Services Preservation Amendment Act of 2025”**

The purpose of B26-0249 the “Nonprofit Services Preservation Amendment Act of 2025,” is to amend B23-0107, the Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020 to ensure that nonprofit organizations partnering with the District government are fairly and consistently reimbursed for the full cost of delivering services. The Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020 requires the District to reimburse indirect costs at the same rate a non-profit organization has negotiated to receive for a current federal contract or grant. It also creates a mechanism to determine an indirect cost rate for a nonprofit organization that does not have a negotiated federal rate.

Nonprofits are indispensable partners in carrying out the District’s mission—from providing housing and food access to youth programming and healthcare. Nonprofits deserve to be paid fairly for both their direct services and the behind-the-scenes support that makes those services possible—that is, their indirect costs. These are very real costs for a nonprofit, including salary, rent, and technology, without which they would not be able to provide the District-funded services in the first place. While the 2020 law was meant to address the lack of payment for those indirect costs, it has not been fully implemented, and has remained unfunded, without a fiscal impact statement, for 5 years. As a result, nonprofits have had to make tough choices between providing their staff with adequate benefits and wages and maximizing the services they provide directly to the community. Without payment for true costs, nonprofits face a loss every time they accept a D.C. contract or grant. This chronic underfunding can force nonprofits to cut staff or even close altogether. B26-0249 clarifies that funding for indirect costs supplements, rather than supplants, direct funding for services, as was intended in the original law; it increases the minimum indirect cost rate for nonprofits from 10 percent to 15 percent, matching the federal rate that went into effect in October 2024; and includes provisions to improve transparency and implementation, such as requiring clearer, standardized contract language, regulations and guidance for agencies and grantees, and staff training on compliance. Finally, this legislation establishes a non-profit relief grant program to help eligible nonprofits cover funding gaps and indirect costs.

Emergency contract legislation at the request of the executive:

- **PR26-0546 - Modification Nos. M0003 and M0004 to Contract No. CW116651 with Capital Consulting LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **B26-0600 - Modification Nos. M0003 and M0004 to Contract No. CW116651 with Capital Consulting LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2026**

There exists an immediate need to approve Modifications Nos. M0003 and M0004 to Contract No. CW116651 with Capital Consulting LLC, and to authorize payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the modifications.

These measures will approve Modification No. M0003 and proposed Modification No. M0004 to Contract No. CW116651 with Capital Consulting LLC to provide information technology equipment, and to increase the not-to-exceed amount for option year one of the contract to \$10,000,000. In addition, the legislation will approve payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the modifications.

The filed measures are available via the Legislative Information Management System. Please contact David Meni, Legislative Director at dmeni@dccouncil.gov if you have any questions.

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