


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: April 30, 2026
RE: Request to agendaize measures for May 5th Legislative Meeting.

Consistent with Council Rule 426, I request a waiver of Rule 231(c) with regard to the following measures, and that the measures below be agendaized for the May 5, 2026 Legislative Meeting.

Ceremonial resolution

- **CER26-0155 - Provider Appreciation Day Ceremonial Resolution of 2026**

This ceremonial recognizes May 8, 2026 as a day to appreciate childcare providers, and their important impact on individuals and the community.

Confirmation Resolutions

- **PR26-0537 - District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Christopher Murphy Confirmation Resolution of 2026**
 - This measure would appoint Mr. Murphy to a three-year term on the DCHA Board of Commissioners as a commissioner who has professional experience in federal housing laws and regulations.
- **PR26-0538 - District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Denise Blackson Confirmation Resolution of 2026**
 - This measure would appoint Ms. Blackson to the DCHA Board of Commissioners for a two-year term as an interim commissioner who has experience as the holder of a housing voucher.
- **PR26-0540 - District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Leroy Clay III Confirmation Resolution of 2026**
 - This measure would appoint Mr. Clay III as a commissioner of the DCHA Board of Commissioners for a two-year term. Pursuant to § 6-210.01(b), during his tenure as a non-voting Commissioner, Mr. Clay will serve in his capacity as an employee of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and not in a personal capacity.
- **PR26-0542 - District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Raymond Skinner Confirmation Resolution of 2026**
 - This measure would appoint Mr. Skinner for a one-year term on the DCHA Board of Commissioners as an interim commissioner who has professional experience in affordable housing development, operations, or finance.
- **PR26-0543 - District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Teresa Silla Confirmation Resolution of 2026**

- This measure would appoint Ms. Silla for a three-year term on the DCHA Board of Commissioners as a commissioner who has professional experience in homeless services system planning and coordination.

Permanent Legislation

- B26-0545 - River East at Grandview Homeownership Relief and Restoration Amendment Act of 2026

Between 2017 and 2019, 46 first-time homebuyers purchased newly constructed townhomes at River East at Grandview in Ward 8 using District-backed programs like HPAP. The units were also constructed using HPTF funds. Shortly after moving in, the units began experiencing severe structural failures, and in 2021, the homes were deemed uninhabitable, forcing families to evacuate.

Four years later, fewer than half of the displaced households have been able to purchase another home. Rising housing costs, doubling mortgage interest rates, and the loss of equity have created significant barriers to homeownership—barriers this legislation directly addresses without creating new programs or requiring new spending.

The River East at Grandview Homeownership Relief and Restoration Amendment Act of 2026, introduced by Councilmembers R. White, T. White, and Lewis George, is a fiscally neutral measure that uses existing District programs and authority to restore long-term homeownership opportunities for the majority Black first-time homebuyers who were displaced from their homes through no fault of their own. This legislation centers equity, ensuring that families can rebuild the stability and wealth-building opportunities they were promised when they purchased their homes.

This measure is endorsed by the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), Empower DC, and the DC Fiscal Policy Institute.

Please contact the Committee on Housing staff at housing@dccouncil.gov with any questions.