

Council of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau *Brianne K. Nadeau*
RE: Agenda requests for September 22, 2026, Legislative Meeting
DATE: September 17, 2026

Chairman, please include the measures listed in this memorandum on the agenda for the Legislative Meeting of the Council on September 22, 2026.

Ceremonial resolution

- **Philip Lepanto Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2026**

This ceremonial resolution would honor the life of longtime District resident and former ANC Commissioner Philip Lepanto and his contributions to the community.

Permanent legislation from the Committee on Public Works & Operations

- **B26-16, Strategic Parking Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2026**

This measure would supplement District-funded parking enforcement efforts by allowing interested private parties to enter into agreements with the Department of Public Works and pay a portion of the overtime cost for off-duty parking enforcement officers to work special detail assignments. It would also expand the authority of campus police and special police personnel to conduct parking enforcement, subject to certain limits developed in consultation with the Metropolitan Police Department.

Among other benefits, this legislation would help address a gap in the District's ongoing and worthwhile effort to shift enforcement against dangerous moving violations away from real-time officer stops and toward more impartial and distributed camera-based citations, with parking enforcement as a backstop against egregious failures to comply.

In addition to the legislative meeting agenda, please include this legislation on the agenda of the immediately preceding Committee of the Whole meeting for review and scheduling pursuant to Council Rule 231(c). The committee report and print were timely filed under Committee of the Whole Rule 403(b) and are available via the Council's Legislative Information Management System.

Emergency and temporary legislation

- **Extension of Substance Use and Targeted Outreach Grants Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Extension of Substance Use and Targeted Outreach Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Extension of Substance Use and Targeted Outreach Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

For the last several years, opioid overdose deaths have reached epidemic proportions in the District and show no signs of slowing down. In 2020, according to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (“OCME”), there were 411 opioid overdose deaths in the District, with an average of 34 per month – a nearly 400 percent increase over 2014. The epidemic continues to have a devastating impact on District residents has disproportionately affected Black residents. Opioid use is also associated with increased risk of HIV and other infectious diseases, making outreach and engagement critical components of broader public health efforts.

In 2023, the Council established the Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Services Targeted Outreach Pilot Act in 2023. The pilot was designed to test the effectiveness of deploying concentrated, place-based outreach efforts in high-need areas, including direct engagement, relationship-building, harm reduction support, and resource brokering to connect individuals to substance use disorder treatment and behavioral health services. In its first year, the pilot operated in three locations in Wards 1, 5, and 7. These sites were identified due to persistent open drug use, high volumes of service calls, and repeated community concerns. Recognizing the ongoing severity of the crisis, the Council expanded the pilot in the Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 and directed DBH to continue targeted outreach activities in six designated high need areas across Wards 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The pilot program has proven to be successful. For example, one of the sites operating in Ward 1 in the 500 block of T Street NW by the organization HIPS saw a 51 percent decrease in nonfatal overdoses in less than a year. Even more, the pilot program was the outgrowth of the successful “Community Navigators” program funded in Columbia Heights several years ago. And because of the success of the community navigators and the expansion of the pilot program to other wards, the Council introduced the “Place-Based Substance Use Disorder Outreach Amendment Act of 2026” and passed the legislation at the May 5, 2026, Legislative Meeting. The legislation codifies and makes permanent the Opioid Targeted Outreach Program (“pilot program”).

In August 2026, the Department of Behavioral Health, which administers the grants for the pilot program, sent out an official notification to grantee organizations operating in high need areas that funding for the pilot program will conclude at the end of the current award period on September 30, 2026, and will not be renewed beyond FY26. This goes against the legislative intent of the Council. To prevent a disruption in services that would jeopardize the health and safety of residents in high-need areas and undermine the progress achieved under the pilot program, the attached legislation would direct and authorize the Department of Behavioral Health to continue funding all current Fiscal Year 2026 grantee organizations at their existing locations, using funds from the Opioid Abatement Fund, until such time as a permanent program is formally established and

commenced pursuant to the Place-Based Substance Use Disorder Outreach Amendment Act of 2026.

- **Duke District BID Grantmaking Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Duke District BID Grantmaking Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Duke District BID Grantmaking Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

The Greater Shaw and U Street NW area is an important cultural hub that merits organized, District-funded efforts to support its economic vitality, cultural vibrancy, cleanliness, safety, and quality of life. Residents and neighborhood leaders have long envisioned establishing a Business Improvement District (BID) for this area.

Earlier this year, the Council authorized a grant in support of a place management organization in the area covered by the Greater U Street Performance Parking Zone. This funding was authorized with a BID organization in mind, but the Duke District BID had not yet attained the signatures necessary to advance—a milestone that the BID has now met.

Accordingly, the attached legislation will more specifically direct the grant funds to serve as seed funding/start-up costs for the new BID.

- **Broadband Price Transparency Regulation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Broadband Price Transparency Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Broadband Price Transparency Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

The [Enhancing Consumer Protection Procedures Amendment Act of 2026 \(ECPPA\)](#), which is currently under congressional review, expands and clarifies what trade practices are considered unlawfully deceptive, and it updates the tools available to combat those practices. Among other things, the ECPPA prohibits advertising a price for a good or service that does not include all mandatory charges aside from transaction-specific government fees.

Broadband internet service merchants have raised a concern that although they have worked to come into compliance with Federal Communications Commission regulations requiring detailed pricing breakdowns at the point of sale of their services, some of the base prices listed in their nationwide advertising campaigns do not include some mandatory charges that would arguably fall outside the new “taxes... on the transaction” exemption in the ECPPA. This dynamic raises the potential for noncompliance with the ECPPA by broadband internet service providers (refer to the attached emergency declaration resolution for greater technical detail).

The attached emergency and temporary bills provide a safe harbor from private lawsuits and public enforcement actions under this particular pricing provision of the ECPPA, for broadband internet advertising practices that comply with the current version of the FCC’s regulations that require comprehensive “nutrition label” pricing information at the point of sale.

Please contact my legislative staff and the staff of the Committee on Public Works & Operations at publicworks@dccouncil.gov with any questions regarding this legislation.