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MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed please find for consideration and enactment by the Council of the District of Columbia the "Soccer Stadium Development Technical Clarification Emergency Act of 2015".

On December 17, 2014, the Council unanimously approved the District of Columbia Soccer Stadium Development Act of 2014 and supplemental financing that enabled the District to assemble land for this project. This proposed emergency legislation and accompanying emergency declaration, temporary legislation, and permanent legislation would make technical and clarifying amendments to that law to allow agreements with the relevant stakeholders to be finalized subject to Council review. This will ensure that the Soccer Stadium for DC United at Buzzard's Point in Southwest can proceed as scheduled.

I therefore urge prompt consideration and approval of this measure.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Maia Estes, Director of the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs, at (202) 727-2816.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser

Enclosures



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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8 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to make technical and
17 clarifying amendments to previously adopted legislation that authorizes the Mayor to
18 assemble the soccer stadium site including through the use of eminent domain, to
19 authorize the Mayor to enter into an amended ground lease of the soccer stadium site, to
20 authorize the Mayor to enter into an amended development agreement for the
21 construction of a new soccer stadium, and to authorize the rental of airspace and vault
22 space; to amend the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and District of Columbia
23 National Guard Armory Public Safety Act to make it applicable to the soccer stadium; to
24 amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide for licenses to be
25 issued to the operator of the soccer stadium; and to amend Chapter 46 of Title 47 of the
26 District of Columbia Official Code to provide tax abatements and to exempt the transfer
27 of the stadium site from recordation and transfer taxes..
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
30 resolution may be cited as the "Soccer Stadium Development Technical Clarification Emergency
31 Declaration Resolution of 2015".

32 Sec. 2. (a) On December 17, 2014, the Council unanimously approved the District of
33 Columbia Soccer Stadium Development Act of 2014 and accompanying emergency legislation
34 that enabled the District to assemble land for the development of a Soccer Stadium for DC
35 United at Buzzard's Point in Southwest.

36 (b) On December 17, 2014, the Council also unanimously approved a financing
37 package to accompany the stadium legislation through a revised budget request act to provide
38 funding to acquire the necessary land and other costs relevant to the project.

39 (c) The Office of the Attorney General has recommended several technical
40 amendments that are necessary to ensure compliance with the Home Rule Act and streamline the
41 procurement process while still comporting with the intent of the original authorizing legislation.

42 (d) The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has
43 begun negotiations with DC United and property owners at the proposed stadium site to make
44 minor changes to previously approved agreements, including provisions that better protect the
45 District from financial and operational risk and more robust community benefit requirements as
46 long as they do not increase the District's financial obligations.

47 (e) In order for the relevant contracts, ground leases, and development agreements
48 to be finalized, after being submitting to the Council for review, it is therefore critical that these
49 technical and clarifying amendments be made as quickly as possible on an emergency basis. This
50 will allow for this important project to remain on schedule for completion as the Council
51 originally intended with its action in December 2014.

52 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
53 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
54 "Soccer Stadium Development Technical Clarification Emergency Act of 2015" be adopted after
55 a single reading.

56 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lolita S. Alston
Director
Office of Legislative Support

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: March 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Bill, the "Soccer Stadium
Development Technical Clarification Emergency Act of 2015" and
Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution
(AE-14-871C)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced bill and resolution and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Janet M. Robins