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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson  
FROM: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau  
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the October 6, 2020, Legislative Meeting  
DATE: October 1, 2020

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### Congressional Review Emergency Legislation

I request that the following congressional review emergency measures be agendized for the October 6, 2020 legislative meeting:

- **“Standby Guardian Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”**
- **“Standby Guardian Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”**

This legislation would expand, on an emergency basis, the standby guardianship law to enable a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian who is, or may be, subject to an adverse Immigration action or who has been exposed to COVID-19, to make short-term plans for a child without terminating or limiting that person’s parental or custodial rights.

Emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law as the: (1) the previously approved Standby Guardian Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective July 27, 2020, is set to expire on October 6, 2020; (2) the corresponding permanent legislation, the Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2020, passed on 2nd reading on September 22, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-402) is currently under Mayoral Review; and (3) the corresponding temporary legislation, the Standby Guardian Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on August 12, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-398; 67 DCR 9916), is currently under congressional review with a projected law date on November 16, 2020 (“temporary legislation”).

There exists an immediate need for the District of Columbia (“District”) to enact legislation to extend the standby guardianship laws to enable a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian to be able to make plans to protect the wellbeing of their children in advance of an adverse immigration or exposure to COVID-19.

- **“Adams Morgan BID Tax Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”**
- **“Adams Morgan BID Tax Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”**

This legislation would amend, on an emergency basis, Section 206 of the Business Improvement District Act of 1996 to provide an abatement in full of the BID Taxes assessed for the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District in the first half of FY 2021.

The Adams Morgan BID Board is seeking this relief of the first six months of FY21 taxes for its members due to extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the small business community.

Emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law as the previously approved “Adams Morgan BID Tax Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” is set to expire on October 24, 2020, and corresponding temporary legislation, B23-0822, “Adams Morgan BID Tax Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”, is currently under Congressional Review and is projected to become law November 16, 2020.

Please contact Aamir Mansoor, Legislative Director, at [amansoor@dccouncil.us](mailto:amansoor@dccouncil.us) or (202) 724-4353 if you have any questions.

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