

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES
ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Government Operations and Facilities
DATE: September 30, 2021
RE: Requests for the October 5, 2021 Legislative Meeting



I request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the Legislative Meeting on October 5, 2021:

Ceremonial Resolutions:

▪ **“International Wrongful Conviction Day Recognition Resolution of 2021”**

This Ceremonial Resolution commemorates and recognizes October 2, 2021, as International Wrongful Conviction Day in the District of Columbia, as established in 2013 by the Innocence Network to raise awareness of the causes and remedies of wrongful convictions.

▪ **“National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Recognition Resolution of 2021”**

The CDC annually coordinates National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week to bring awareness to the hazards of lead exposure and to the steps that households and governments can take to protect our children. This year, the CDC has announced that it will observe NLPPW October 24-30. The resolution recognizes NLPPW and the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

▪ **“17th Street High Heel Race Recognition Resolution of 2021”**

For decades, drag performers and LGBTQ+ people in DC have held an annual celebration on 17th St NW near Dupont Circle during the week leading up to Halloween. The event culminates in a footrace in heels, and also features displays of clever, lovingly crafted costumes. The race was suspended for COVID safety in 2020 but will resume on October 26, 2021. The resolution celebrates its return.

▪ **“Kirti Suri Recognition Resolution of 2021”**

This resolution recognizes Kirti Suri’s years of service to the Council of the District of Columbia, culminating in her most recent role as Deputy Committee Director of the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities. As Kirti has recently left the Council, this resolution recognizes her unique contributions to our shared institution.

Emergency and Temporary Legislation:

- **“Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **“Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**

In August 2021, the Council enacted legislation to amend the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 to extend the tolling period for claimants to file their unemployment insurance appeals.

The Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective September 1, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-167; 68 DCR 009485), (“emergency legislation”) expires on October 23, 2021. The Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 (“temporary legislation”) has not yet passed on second reading and will not become law before the emergency legislation expires.

To prevent a lapse in coverage before the temporary legislation is in effect, it is necessary to enact the Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021.

- **“Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **“Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**
- **“Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”**

In November 2020, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council published an extensive report, “A Study of the Root Causes of Juvenile Justice System Involvement”, as required by Section 1505 of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 22-4234). This report showed that among the youth in the 4th risk quartile—those with the highest risk of becoming justice-involved—there is still an 86.1% average probability of them not becoming justice-involved.

Based on the findings in this report, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council concluded that risk factors are not determinant of youth becoming justice-involved in the future. Additional analysis of the protective and additive factors is needed to determine what factors are contributing to 86.1% of high-risk youth not becoming justice-involved in order to prevent as many high-risk young people from becoming justice-involved as possible. Additional analysis is also needed to identify what school-based incidents lead to law enforcement referral or arrest, and what factors lead to those outcomes. These new reporting requirements replace a pre-existing recurring reporting requirement that has been deemed unnecessary.

Substantively similar reporting requirements were initially included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021, but had to be removed for technical and procedural reasons. To restore their applicability and ensure that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council can expeditiously produce these follow-up reports that could help target much-needed reforms and

investments while the 2020 data is still relevant, it is necessary to move forward on an emergency basis.

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