

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: January 12th, 2022
RE: Requests for the Additional Legislative Meeting on January 18, 2022



I request that the following measure be added to the agenda for the Additional Legislative Meeting on January 18, 2022, should one be scheduled:

- **Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

These measures extend current pandemic-related provisions for our Advisory Neighborhood Commissions which, without Council action, would expire on February 4th, 2022, along with the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021.

Specifically, the provisions within this legislation will continue pandemic election procedures to fill vacancies on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, authorization for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet remotely, and authorization for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to approve grants for the purpose of providing humanitarian relief during the public emergency. Each of these provisions are critical to our Advisory Neighborhood Commissions ability to operate safely and to support the public health response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Given the recent rapid spread of new variants and the renewed declaration of a public health emergency, it is not the time to expect Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to return to a pre-pandemic state of operations or to forgo their ongoing support of the District's response efforts.

Renewed emergency and temporary legislation is necessary due to the upcoming expiration of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021. Approval on January 18th is the best available option to avoid any lapse in these provisions, to avoid rushed procedures for enactment, and to allow Commissions the notice they need to continue their planned virtual operations.

- **Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**

The John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

- **Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

These measures would extend the tolling period for claimants to file their unemployment insurance appeals after the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2022 expires on February 4th, 2022.

The need to continue to toll the time period to appeal unemployment compensation determinations to the Office of Administrative Hearings continues given the ongoing public health, economic, and bureaucratic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the city.

To ensure that the Department of Employment Services has additional time to work through its backlog, that the Office of Administrative Hearings does not face additional delays, and that claimants do not experience an even more burdensome appeals process, it is necessary to pass renewed emergency and temporary legislation.

Drafts of the measures are attached. Please contact Shawn Hilgendorf, Committee Director, at (202) 724-8077 or shilgendorf@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.