

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Charles Allen
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the July 12, 2022 Legislative Meeting
DATE: July 7, 2022

I am requesting that the following measures be agendized for the July 12, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

Ceremonial Resolution

- [CER24-0219](#), the “Juror Appreciation Week Recognition Resolution of 2022”

This ceremonial resolution would honor the exceptional service and commitment of the citizens who perform jury duty in the District of Columbia Courts and declare the week of September 12 to September 16, 2022 Juror Appreciation Week in the District of Columbia.

A copy of this measure is attached. Please contact Kate Mitchell, Committee Director, at kmitchell@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

Emergency Contract Legislation at the Request of the Executive

- “Modification Nos. 14 and 15 to Contract No. CW68868 with Unity Health Care, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”
- “Modification Nos. 14 and 15 to Contract No. CW68868 with Unity Health Care, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2022”

There exists an immediate need to approve Modification Nos. 14 and 15 to Contract No. CW68868 with Unity Health Care, Inc., to provide comprehensive health care services to the residents of the Central Detention Facility, the Correctional Treatment Facility, and the Central Cell Block, and to authorize payment for the goods and services received and to be received under the contract. By Modification No. 14, the Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, exercised a partial option of option year three of Contract No. CW68868 for \$10,573,609 for the period of April 15, 2022 through July 31, 2022. Modification No. 15 is now necessary to exercise the remainder of Option Year Three through April 14, 2023 and increase the total not-to-exceed amount to \$36,271,403 for that option year. Council approval is necessary since this will increase the value of the contract by more than \$1 million during a 12-month period.

Copies of these measures are attached. Please contact Sonia Weil, Senior Legislative Counsel, at sweil@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

Emergency Legislation

- [PR24-0847](#), the “Anti-SLAPP Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”
- [B24-0895](#), the “Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”
- [B24-0896](#), the “Anti-SLAPP Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”

On November 2, 2021, the Council passed the Anti-SLAPP Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective November 8, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-208; 68 DCR 12193) (“emergency act”). The emergency act expired on February 6, 2022. On December 7, 2021, the Council passed the Anti-SLAPP Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective February 24, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-80; 69 DCR 209) (“temporary law”). The temporary law is set to expire on October 7, 2022. This second round of emergency and temporary legislation is now necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the temporary law and the passage of permanent legislation. The emergency legislation amends the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010 to clarify that the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010 shall not apply to any claim brought by the District itself.

Copies of these measures are attached. Please contact Kate Mitchell, Committee Director, at kmitchell@dccouncil.us, with any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Budget Director
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Secretary