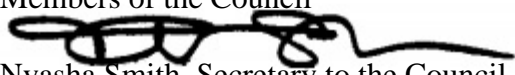


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**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
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Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : June 05, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Go-Go Official Music of the District of Columbia Designation Act of 2019", B23-0317


INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers McDuffie, Nadeau, Bonds, Evans, Cheh, Silverman, Allen, Grosso, Todd, R. White, T. White, Gray, and Chairman Mendelson

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

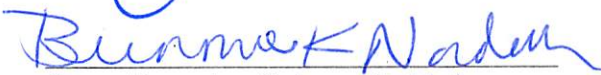
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cc: General Counsel  
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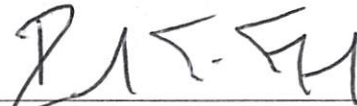
  
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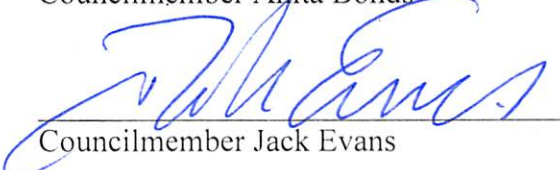
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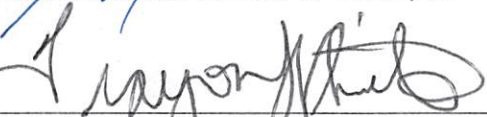
  
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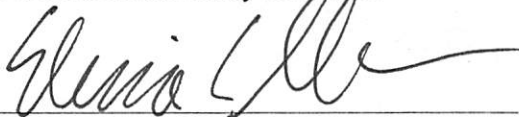
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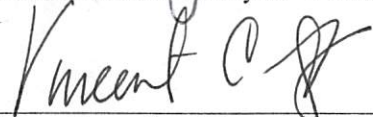
  
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38 To designate Go-Go music as the official music of the District of Columbia, and to require the  
39 Mayor to implement a program to support, preserve, and archive Go-Go music and its  
40 history.  
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43 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
44 act may be cited as the "Go-Go Official Music of the District of Columbia Designation Act of  
45 2019".

46 Sec. 2. Go-Go music; background.

47 (a) Go-Go music originated in the District of Columbia during the mid-1960s to late  
48 1970s.

49 (b) Initially, Go-Go was the term used to identify a music club where young people  
50 gathered, where between songs the percussion section of the band would continue to play while  
51 the band leader engaged the audience through melodic call and response sessions.

52 (c) Go-Go is a fusion of musical forms, drawing inspiration from funk, blues, soul, and  
53 salsa, blending them seamlessly with its syncopated polyrhythms and multiple percussion  
54 instruments.

55 (d) During the 1980s, the Department of Parks and Recreation "Munch for Lunch"  
56 program used its Showmobile, a stage on wheels, to provide free Go-Go concerts in various  
57 locations several times a week for lunchtime crowds to enjoy.

58 (e) The 1987 hit "Da Butt" by Chuck Brown, known as the Godfather of Go-Go, and the  
59 group Experience Unlimited, also known as E.U., on the soundtrack for Spike Lee's film School  
60 Daze helped bring Go-Go to a national stage.

61 (f) Many local residents who went on to join groups such as Rare Essence, Trouble Funk,  
62 Junkyard Band, Backyard Band, TCB, TOB, and Chuck Brown and the Soul Searchers gained  
63 their musical experience in District public school marching bands.

64 (g) Go-Go music encapsulates the range of personal experiences in local communities  
65 around the District and expresses them in a unifying force.

66 (h) Go-Go music is a multifaceted art form that fully captures the cultural and artistic  
67 expressions of the District.

68 Sec. 3. Designation.

69 Go-Go music is hereby designated the official music of the District of Columbia.

70 Sec. 4. Preservation of Go-Go Music.

71 (a) Within 240 days of the effected date of this act, the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee,  
72 shall design and implement a program to support and preserve, including through marketing, and  
73 archive Go-Go music and documents relating to Go-Go music and its history.

74 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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76 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact  
77 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
78 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

79 Sec. 6. Effective date.

80 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
81 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
82 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,  
83 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of  
84 Columbia Register.