

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : April 03, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2019", B23-0233

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers McDuffie, Grosso, Allen, T. White, Todd, R. White, Nadeau, and Bonds

CO-SPONSORED BY: Councilmember Evans

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

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
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13 A BILL

15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

18 To amend the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 to include
19 the Council as among those that may sponsor a commemorative work on public
20 space, and to require the Commemorative Works Committee to commission specified
21 works that honor persons who have made significant contributions to American
22 culture or history, to have at least one such commemorative work erected in each
23 Ward by a date certain, and to develop a written plan to achieve the purposes of this
24 act, and to require the Mayor to submit the plan to the Council for its approval.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 act may be cited as the "Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act of
28 2019".

30 Sec. 2. Part B of Title IV of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures
31 Act of 1982, effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.11 *et seq.*), is
32 amended as follows:

33 (a) Section 411(3) (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.11(3)) is amended by striking the phrase
34 "means a Federal" and inserting the phrase "means the Council, a Federal" in its place.

35 (b) A new section 413a is added to read as follows:

36 “Sec. 413a. Commemorative works to be commissioned.

37 “(a) In accordance with section 415, the Commemorative Works Committee shall
38 commission works to honor remarkable native Washingtonians who left positive indelible marks
39 on American culture or history, including Charles Drew, Rose Ishbel Greely, Mary P. Burrill,
40 and the Shaed sisters: Alice, Helen, Dorothy, Eunice, and Ernestine, and those socially
41 disadvantage migrants from other countries who made the District their home and who, like the
42 native Washingtonians, made a positive significant impact on American culture or history.

43 “(b)(1) The Commemorative Works Committee shall create a written plan to erect a
44 minimum of 8 statues that honor a combination of men, women, and migrants as described in
45 subsection (a) of this section. The plan shall include:

46 “(A) A list detailing 8 initial honoree recommendations;

47 “(B) A recommended geographical location for each statue;

48 “(C) Recommendations from residents, industry
49 professionals, academic professionals, and cultural organizations on who should be honored with
50 a commemorative work, including their rationale for the recommendation; and

51 “(D) The steps and timeline to have, at a minimum, one
52 statue erected in each Ward and by no later than January 1, 2030, for every Ward to have a
53 statue.

54 “(2) Within 60 days after the effective day of the Diverse Washingtonians
55 Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2019, as introduced on April 2, 2019 (Bill 23-___),
56 the Mayor shall submit the written plan required by this subsection to the Council for its review
57 and approval.

58 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term “socially disadvantaged” means individuals
59 who were subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society because
60 of their identities as members of groups and without regard to their individual qualities.”

61 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

65 Sec. 5. Effective date.

66 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
67 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
68 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
69 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
70 Columbia Register.