## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM:

Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE:

July 23, 2020

RE:

Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for the July 28th Additional Legislative

Meeting

The following measures are placed on the agenda for the July 28, 2020 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- Rental Assistance Expansion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020
- Rental Assistance Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020
- Rental Assistance Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020

As drafted, this emergency legislation would authorize the Department of Human Services (DHS) to expand eligibility for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. It authorizes the Mayor to direct funding to the program from the CARES Act. Currently, individuals, families or households who make more than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines are ineligible for the program. This legislation would allow DHS to adjust the income requirements to 60% of area-median income, thereby expanding the number of individuals, households, and families eligible for the program. Additionally, it would allow DHS to provide rental assistance to undocumented residents.

cc: All Councilmembers Council Officers