


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: September 16, 2020

RE: **Request to Place Measure on the Agenda for the September 22, 2020
Legislative Meeting**

Please place on the agenda for the September 22, 2020 additional legislative meeting the following measures:

- **Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020**
- **Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Emergency Amendment Act of 2020**
- **Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Temporary Amendment Act of 2020**

The proposed measures would allow grant recipients who have received Arts and Humanities capital projects funding in fiscal year 2021 to use that funding for rent or mortgage expenses for their work office and for any other space used to produce or present arts and humanities funded work. The office or other space must be in the District, and the Commission must approve this use. This change in fiscal 2021 funding of capital projects is necessary due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has closed many art and humanities spaces in the District for the foreseeable future.

The draft measures are attached. Please call me or Mr. Evan Cash if you have any questions at (202) 724-7002.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers