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**CHAIRMAN MENDELSON STATEMENT ON INTRODUCTION OF
REPRIMAND RESOLUTION**

WASHINGTON, DC -- DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson released the following statement regarding the Ward 2 Councilmember's recent actions:

"Councilmember Jack Evans violated the Council's Code of Conduct when he used his office to email business proposals to potential employers. I will therefore be introducing a resolution later today to reprimand Mr. Evans for his actions. Our Code of Conduct states explicitly that a Councilmember "may not knowingly use the prestige of office or public position for [his] private gain," and that government resources shall not be used for personal business. This reprimand will send a clear message that Mr. Evans' actions are not only unacceptable but are inconsistent with the Council's ethical standards.

"Some have suggested that I should appoint a special committee to investigate the matter. However, there is no question whether Mr. Evans' emails violated the Council's Code of Conduct, and therefore waiting for an investigation would be an unnecessary delay. I want to send a message now.

"The reprimand will not concern other allegations that have been in the news recently about Councilmember Evans because those allegations are under investigation by both BEGA and a federal grand jury and therefore are precluded from our investigation at this time. However, additional sanctions are possible as the investigation unfolds.

"Public trust is both critical and fragile. The Council must constantly be mindful that citizens have a right to expect its elected representatives to uphold high standards of ethical conduct. The recent revelations about Mr. Evans' emails do just the opposite, and he must be reprimanded for it."