


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

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: September 28, 2023

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the October 3, 2023  
Legislative Meeting**

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This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 3, 2023 Legislative Meeting, at the request of the Office of the Attorney General:

- **Contract No.DCCB-2023-F-0039 with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024**
- **Contract No. DCCB-2023-F-0039 with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024**

This proposed contract is between Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC (Cohen Milstein) and the Office of the Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$90 million from May 26, 2023 through five years. Under the proposed contract, Cohen Milstein shall provide outside legal counsel to assist the Public Advocacy Division of the Office of the Attorney General with the investigation and potential litigation against identified targets in the housing industry for violating District of Columbia and federal antitrust laws. There are two (2) two-year option periods for the contract. This contract requires Council approval as it exceeds one year.

Copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.