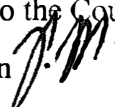


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Memorandum

September 14, 2023

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
FR: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 
RE: Resolution for Additional Legislative Meeting September 19, 2023

I am placing on the agenda for next week's Additional Legislative Meeting the following measure:

- "Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission Authorization Resolution of 2023"

The purpose of this measure is to permit me to appoint two non-residents to the newly created Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission. This Commission was established by the Opioid Litigation Proceeds Amendment Act of 2022, which became effective March 10, 2023 and which was fully funded during this year's budget cycle via the Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2023.

I have worked with the Chair of the Council's Committee on Health to identify four individuals for appointment to the Advisory Commission. Although all of the candidates have great qualifications, and bring extensive experience working in the District for decades, two of the four candidates are non-residents.

Council Rule 277 requires District residency for all Council appointments. However, the Rule expressly provides that it may be waived. And, in fact, the Council has waived the Rule from time to time. Typically, the waiver is in the appointment resolution itself, but because these appointments do not require a Council resolution I am instead moving the attached measure.

Please call me or Christian Washington on my staff if you have any questions.

cc: Council Officers