


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: February 13, 2025

RE: **To Call an Additional Legislative Meeting on February 18, 2025 to Consider Jubilee Housing Contract**

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This memorandum serves as notice that I am calling for an additional legislative meeting on February 18, 2025 to immediately follow the already scheduled additional legislative meeting. The following measures are placed on the agenda for the February 18, 2025 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Multiyear Contract No. DHCD-2025-50 with Jubilee Housing, Inc. Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025**
- **Multiyear Contract No. DHCD-2025-50 with Jubilee Housing, Inc. Emergency Approval Act of 2025**

These measures were to have been filed by the Executive earlier, and approval of this legislation is urgently needed.

For several months, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has failed to submit to the Council the contract necessary for Jubilee Housing to proceed with reentry housing project. This is a project that the Council funded in the budget adopted last June. Jubilee has missed several deadlines because of DHCD's tardiness. The contract finally came over to the Council this morning at 10:10 AM. It's critical that the Council consider, and I hope approve, this contract ASAP. Because of DHCD's inexcusable delays, and the financial hardship this has caused one of our city's affordable housing providers, I am putting this before the council for approval this coming Tuesday. Because the notice for Tuesday's meeting has already been filed, the rules do permit that I can call an additional legislative meeting. This memorandum serves as notice of the additional legislative meeting as well as the agenda.

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

cc: All Councilmembers  
Council Officers