

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: July 27, 2025

RE: **Notice of intent to move an amendment in the nature of a substitute at the July 28, 2025 Additional Legislative Meeting**

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This memorandum serves as notice that I intend to move an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) for each of the following measures at the Additional Legislative Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2025:

- **PR 26-211, Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025**
- **Bill 26-263, Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Emergency Act of 2025**
- **Bill 26-264, Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Temporary Act of 2025**

On May 27, 2025, as part of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget package, the Mayor transmitted the above measures. The ANS includes Council adjustments necessary to balance the FY26 budget and financial plan, technical and conforming changes, as well as edits developed in concert with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive. The changes in the ANS include:

- Reductions for underspending and vacancy savings across agencies that is being used in FY25 to balance the budget and financial plan;
- Enhancements to agency budgets, made at the committee level, including:
  - \$500,000 to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development for a grant to a retailer of medical cannabis in Ward 8 that has been in operation since January 2019, for the purpose of continuing current business operations; and
  - \$214,000 in additional dedicated tax revenues to Events DC due to the Council's reversing the Mayor's proposed FY 2026 Budget Support Act of 2025 Subtitle: Restaurant Sales Tax Holidays Amendment Act of 2025.
- Enhancements to agency budgets, made at the Council-wide level, including:
  - \$1.3 million to the WMATA operating subsidy to recognize additional, certified dedicated tax revenues;
  - \$250,000 to the Department of Buildings to support nuisance abatement work;

- \$216,800 to the Criminal Code Reform Commission to enable the agency to continue its work for the duration of FY 2025, after which point its functions will be transferred to a new unit within the Council; and
- \$52,700 to the Tax Revision Commission to fully support the agency's work in FY 2025; and
- \$7.6 million in local resources set aside to reverse the Mayor's proposed sweep of the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund as well as \$1.9 million in local resources set aside to reverse the Mayor's proposed sweep of the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund.

Bill 26-263 and Bill 26-264 also contain legislative provisions, including sections that:

- Repeal a requirement in the FY 2023 Budget Support Act that required a transfer of \$6.51 million in FY25 and \$3.42 million in FY26 from the Universal Paid Leave Implementation Fund to the General Fund;
- Eliminate the required \$5.57 million transfer from the Healthy DC and Health Care Expansion Fund to the General Fund in FY25;
- Amend the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund to reduce a required transfer to the Green Finance Authority from at least \$7 million to at least \$3.5 million, and to increase the use of the Fund for the purchases of energy for the District government to approximately \$34.4 million in FY25;
- Require the Commission on Arts and Humanities to provide three capital grants in FY25: \$4 million to the National Theater for acquisition and repairs, \$500,000 to the Howard Theater for debt service payments related to renovations, and \$285,000 to the Lincoln Theater for repairs and renovations;
- Provide for certain amounts of fund balance and other revenue in certain special funds be made available for general purposes, and provides for two transfers of Local revenue to two Special Purpose Revenue funds; and
- Directs funding adjustments to a number of capital projects.

The ANS for PR 26-211 simply revises that emergency declaration resolution considering the changes made to the underlying emergency bill.

Copies of the ANS measures are attached, along with a spreadsheet of adjustments. Please contact Jennifer Budoff, Council Budget Director, at 724-5689 if you have any questions.

cc: All Councilmember  
Council Officers