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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration by the Council are the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Amendment Act of 2020," the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2020," the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," and the "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Amendment Act Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020." The legislation would amend the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019 to expand the lots which the Mayor is authorized to acquire via the exercise of eminent domain, for the purposes of warehousing and storage.

The District government has a significant need for warehousing and storage for equipment, records, property, and supplies, and the District's need nearly exceeds our current capacity at our owned facilities. The Administration has identified property located on W Street, N.E., east of Brentwood Road, N.E. as a strong site for warehousing and storage purposes.

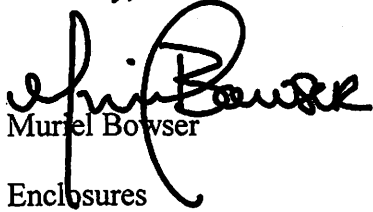
Acquisition of the property will allow the District to construct and operate a warehouse and storage facility before the District runs out of owned space for these purposes. On July 9, 2019, the Council passed Law 23-18, the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019, to authorize the Mayor to acquire, through the exercise of eminent domain, the W Street site.

However, the authorization granted by Council under Law 23-18 does not include all of the lots associated with the trash transfer station business and does not meet the District's significant warehousing and storage needs. For this reason, legislation is needed in order to provide that the Mayor is authorized to acquire all lots associated with the trash transfer business via the exercise of eminent domain, for the purposes of warehousing and storage.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed legislation.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact Keith A. Anderson, Director,
Department of General Services, at (202) 727-2800

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser

Enclosures



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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14 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act
15 of 2019 to expand the lots which the Mayor is authorized to acquire via the exercise of
16 eminent domain, for the purposes of warehousing and storage.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19 act may be cited as the “Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency
20 Amendment Act of 2020”.

21 Sec. 2. Section 3 of the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of
22 2019, effective September 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 23-18; 66 DCR 12633), is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 “Sec. 3. Exercise of eminent domain.

25 The Mayor may exercise eminent domain in accordance with the procedures set forth in
26 subchapter II of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to acquire Lots
27 36, 41, and 0802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 for warehousing and
28 storage purposes.”.

29 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

30 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal
31 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
32 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

33 Sec. 4. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
36 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
37 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
38 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).