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MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

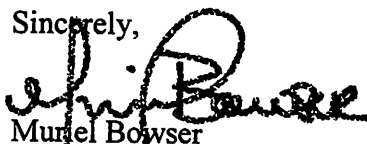
Enclosed for consideration by the Council is the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020," and the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020." This legislation will allow Main Streets Program organizations to be recipients of funds available in the Streetscape Business Development Relief Fund. Emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that businesses currently affected by development projects in their neighborhoods are able to receive funds as soon as possible.

The District's 24 independent, nonprofit neighborhood Main Street programs revitalize communities by retaining and recruiting businesses, improving commercial properties and streetscapes, and attracting consumers. Leaders in these neighborhood organizations assist businesses and coordinate sustainable community-driven revitalization efforts in their neighborhoods.

The Streetscape Fund currently only provides financial relief, in the form of interest-free loans and grants, directly to local for-profit businesses impacted by adjoining District streetscape construction, capital infrastructure, or rehabilitation projects. Including Main Streets non-profit programs as eligible Streetscape Fund recipients would afford them the ability to then receive grants and disburse Streetscape funds for eligible for-profit businesses thereby streamlining the process by which Main Streets distressed businesses can quickly receive much-needed assistance.

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

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser

Enclosures



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
At the request of the Mayor

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8 A BILL  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Streetscape Fund Amendment Act of 2010 to allow  
14 nonprofit neighborhood District Main Streets Program organizations, in addition to local  
15 business owners, to be recipients of Streetscape Business Development funding in the  
16 form of interest-free loans or grants.  
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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 “Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency  
20 Amendment Act of 2020”.

21 Sec. 2. Section 603 of Streetscape Fund Amendment Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011  
22 (D.C. Law 18-370; D.C. Code § 1–325.191), is amended as follows:

23 (a) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

24 “(c) If the District undertakes a streetscape construction, capital infrastructure or  
25 rehabilitation project, the Mayor, in his or her sole discretion, may make interest-free loans or  
26 issue grants from the Fund to any District Main Streets Program organization, or individual or  
27 entity that operates a retail business within project boundaries inside or adjoining the streetscape  
28 construction, capital infrastructure or rehabilitation project. To obtain a loan or grant, a District  
29 Main Streets Program organization, or individual or entity operating a retail business that  
30 operates within or adjoining streetscape, capital infrastructure or rehabilitation project

31 boundaries shall submit an application in the form, and with the information, that the Mayor  
32 shall require. The Mayor shall determine the terms and conditions of each loan or grant based  
33 upon the application submitted by the District Main Streets Program organization, or individual  
34 or entity operating a retail business within or adjoining project boundaries; provided, that the  
35 term of a loan or grant issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed five (5) years after the  
36 termination of the streetscape construction, capital infrastructure, or rehabilitation project.”.

37           Sec. 3. Fiscal Impact Statement

38           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
39 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
40 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

41           Sec. 4. Effective Date

42           The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
43 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
44 90 days, as provided for the emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
45 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 788;  
46 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ronan Gulstone  
Director  
Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs

**FROM:** Brian K. Flowers  
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**DATE:** February 21, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Bills, "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020," "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," and the Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution (AE-20-103)

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**This is to Certify that** this Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft bills and found them to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

  
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Brian K. Flowers