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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for Council consideration are the "Leave and Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Peter Newsham Emergency Amendment Act of 2017;" the "Leave and Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Peter Newsham Temporary Amendment Act of 2017;" and the "Leave and Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Peter Newsham Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017."


This legislation includes provisions specific to Acting Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department Peter Newsham. The provisions referring to Acting Chief Newsham provide that he may accrue annual and sick leave at the same rate as most District government employees (rather than being placed under the universal leave program for Executive Service employees) and, upon retirement, receive an annuity equal to 80% of this average highest best pay earned over a 24-month period.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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7 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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10 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve leave and
11 retirement benefits for the Chief of Police.

12 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
13 resolution may be cited as the “Leave and Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Peter
14 Newsham Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

15 Sec 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve leave and retirement benefits for the
16 Chief of Police, established by section 1061 of the District of Columbia Government
17 Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C.
18 Official Code § 1-601.01 *et seq.*), and section 12(h) of the Policemen and Firemen’s Retirement
19 and Disability Act, approved September 1, 1916 (39 Stat. 718; D.C. Official Code § 5-712), in
20 order to ensure that modifications to these benefits are approved by the Council and in place
21 prior to Peter Newsham’s confirmation.

22 (b) Peter Newsham was nominated by the Mayor as the Chief of Police on February 28,
23 2017, per PR 22-0144, “Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department Peter Newsham
24 Confirmation Resolution of 2017”.

25 (c) On May 2, 2017, the Council confirmed Peter Newsham as Chief of Police of the
26 Metropolitan Police Department.

27 (c) The accompanying legislation would authorize the Chief of Police to continue to
28 accrue annual and sick leave consistent with the leave he earned prior to his confirmation as the
29 Chief of Police. Additionally, it provides for an annuity calculated at 80% of his highest average
30 base pay for 24 consecutive months at the time he voluntarily retires or is otherwise separated
31 from the Metropolitan Police Department.

32 Sec 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated
33 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Leave and
34 Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Peter Newsham Emergency Amendment Act of
35 2017 be adopted on an emergency basis.

36 Sec 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.