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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and enactment by the Council of the District of Columbia is the "Homeless Shelter Replacement Emergency Amendment Act of 2017," and the accompanying emergency declaration resolution and temporary legislation.

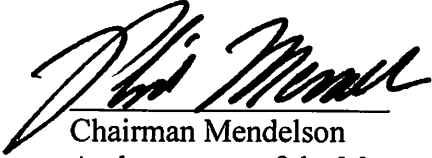
This bill amends, on an emergency basis, the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016 ("Act"), revising the location of the District's Ward 1 Short-term Family Housing program to 2500 14th Street, NW. This site will include 35 2- and 3-bedroom apartment-style units helping the Department achieve the required number of apartment-style shelter units as outlined in the Homeless Services Reform Act, as well as 15 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors and upgrades to the Rita Bright Family and Youth Center. The more quickly the Council expresses its approval of this plan, the more quickly and efficiently the District will be able to move forward with the plan to improve the quality of life of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Green Zeilinger, Director of Human Services, at (202) 671-4355.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser

Enclosures


Chairman Mendelson
At the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following proposed resolution, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016 to revise the location of the new Ward 1 temporary shelter site, add units to the shelter, and add housing for seniors.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Homeless Shelter Replacement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017.”

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to amend the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016, effective July 29, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-141; 63 DCR 11132) (“Act”) to revise the location of the new Ward 1 temporary shelter site, add units to the shelter, and add housing for seniors.

(b) Emergency action is necessary to promote the immediate preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of District residents who are experiencing homelessness, by authorizing the Department of Human Services (“DHS”), with partners at the Department of General Services, to construct the replacement apartment-style shelter facility for 1433 and 1435 Spring Road, NW with funds designated through the Homeless Shelter Replacement Act of 2016. This legislation changes the Ward 1 site. The Program aligns with DHS’s work to ensure

35 that the experience of homelessness with the District is rare, brief, and non-recurring and helps
36 DHS achieve the required number of apartment-style shelter units as outlined in section 7(d)(4)
37 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35;
38 D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(d)(4)).

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
41 Homeless Shelter Replacement Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be adopted after a single
42 reading.

43 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alana Intrieri
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Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: December 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Legislation Entitled the "Homeless Shelter Replacement Emergency Amendment Act of 2017" and Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution, the "Homeless Shelter Replacement Temporary Amendment Act of 2017," and the "Homeless Shelter Replacement Amendment Act of 2017"
(AE-16-353C)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced Legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Janet M. Robins

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