LEGISLATION INTRODUCED / CO-INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON

Council Period XVII

as of September 18, 2007

- 1.

 /Bill 17-15, "Crime Reduction Initiative Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2007" (Also, emergency Bill 17-153). To renew the provisions adopted by emergency acts 16-446, 16-491 for which permanent versions are pending Congressional review: regarding the use of closed circuit television cameras (D.C. Act 16-642); revisions to the law regarding a rebuttable presumption in favor of pre-trial detainment (D.C. Act 16-643); and to permit that information about juveniles be provided to the Metropolitan Police Department (D.C. Act 16-630). Adopted as D.C. Acts 17-9 & 17-24
- 2. **Bill 17-16, "Omnibus Public Safety Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2007"** (Also, emergency **Bill 17-154**). To renew the provisions adopted by emergency acts 16-445 and 16-490 while the permanent version (Bill 16-247; Act 16-482) is pending Congressional review. *Adopted as D.C. Acts 17-10 & 17-25*
- **3. Bill 17-36, "Exploratory Committee Regulation Amendment Act of 2007"** (Emergency & Temporary are **Bills 17-12 & 17-13**). To require all exploratory committees to file informational reports with the Office of Campaign Finance; to establish individual and aggregate contribution limits; to treat exploratory contributions as campaign contributions. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz and Mendelson) *Emergency adopted as D.C. Act 17-13; Temporary is D.C. Law 17-2*
- 4.

 ### Bill 17-40, "Homestead Housing Preservation Amendment Act of 2007." To amend the Homestead Housing Preservation Act of 1986 to allow proposals to develop homestead properties submitted by for-profit developers to be considered provided that 100% of the units are affordable t low- and moderate-income households. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Mendelson, Barry, and Catania)
- 5. **Bill 17-41, "Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Act of 2007"** (Emergency is **Bill 17-263**). To permit persons other than parents to seek custody of a child when in the child's best interests, while recognizing and enforcing the constitutional rights of parents. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Wells, Mendelson, and Catania) *Emergency is D.C. Act 17-69; permanent is D.C. Act 17-70*

- 6. Bill 17-43, "Green Building Amendment Act of 2007." To amend the District of Columbia Green Building Act of 2006 to accelerate the pace at which the District adopts updated building codes in accordance with the general goal of energy efficiency, and to increase the likelihood of the regulatory adoption of future improvements in green building standards. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Cheh and Mendelson)
- 7. **Bill 17-46, Taxicab Insurance Amendment Act of 2007."** To conform the minimum standards of insurance coverage for taxicabs, and to allow taxicab insurance to be sold by non-admitted companies through brokers licensed pursuant to the Fire and Casualty Act. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Brown, Catania, and Chairman Gray)
- **8. Bill 17-47, "Automated Traffic Enforcement Amendment Act of 2007."** To require the Mayor to reevaluate the speed limits on streets or street segments where speed limit enforcement by automated camera is being utilized or proposed, and to require that any finds from automated speed camera enforcement be allocated to the Highway Trust Fund.
- 9. Bill 17-48, "Parking Amendment Act of 2007." To permit the removal of motor vehicles parked in the front yard on private property when in violation of the zoning regulations; to give property owners a claim of title on vehicles abandoned on their property, and to require that auctioneers maintain a record of VINs & purchasers for motor vehicles sold. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Brown, Cheh, and Chairman Gray)
- 10. Bill 17-49, "Commercial Tax Amendment Act of 2007." To benefit local businesses by (1) eliminating the 5.75% sales tax they pay on utility purchases, offset by a 1% increase in the gross receipts tax on their utility bills; and (2) revising the tax imposed on personal property so as to exempt the personal property of any person, corporation, or partnership with annual gross receipts of \$500,000 or less.
- 11. Bill 17-50, "Arbitration Amendments Act of 2007": To enact a somewhat revised version of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, and to allow the court to decide whether an agreement to arbitrate is invalid; to provide for the regulation of arbitration service providers; and to require that a party drafting a consumer arbitration agreement disclose the costs associated with the arbitration.
- **12. Bill 17-51, "Labor Requirements Act of 2007."** To establish requirements and improve administrative procedures for contractors, subcontractors and certain other firms to ensure the use of First Source and apprenticeship programs, favoring D.C. residents; and to provide funding for pre-apprenticeship programs. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Schwartz, and Chairman Gray)
- 13. Bill 17-52, "Nurse Staffing Standards Act of 2007." To establish safe nursing staffing standards in certain health care facilities such as hospitals, and thereby ensure quality patient care. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson and Cheh)
- **14. Bill 17-53, "Nonprofit Organizations Oversight Improvement Act of 2007"** (reintroducing a refined version of a bill introduced by Mayor Williams): To facilitate

investigation of possible violations of the laws governing nonprofit corporations and charitable solicitations, to clarify that nonprofit corporations are to be organized only for nonprofit purposes, to expressly authorize alternatives to corporate dissolution in cases involving nonprofit corporations that have acted contrary to their nonprofit purposes, and to eliminate the judicially-created exemption to the Consumer Protection Procedures Act for nonprofit organizations. *Adopted as D.C. Law 17-4*

- **15. Bill 17-54, "Condominium Warranty Bond Amendment Act of 2007."** To enact regulations to implement D.C. Law 13-46, the "Condominium Amendment Act of 1999." (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Graham, and Schwartz)
- 16. Bill 17-55, "Intrafamily Offenses Act of 2007" (re-introducing a bill introduced by Mayor Williams with some changes): To revise the definitions relating to intrafamily offenses; to update the procedures used in intrafamily proceedings,; to clarify the roles of the various government agencies referenced in these proceedings; to clarify the continuing effectiveness of a temporary protection order when a default civil protection order is issued; to clarify the circumstances under which minors may participate in or be subject to proceedings for civil protection orders; to provide for the appointment of counsel for minors in civil protection proceedings; and to provide for notice to the parent, guardian, or custodian of minors involved in these proceedings. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Brown, and Wells)
- 17. Bill 17-56, "NCRC and AWC Freedom of Information Act of 2007." To make the National Capital Revitalization Corporation and the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation subject to the FOIA law. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Brown, Catania, Cheh, Graham, Schwartz, Thomas, Wells, and Chairman Gray)
- 18. Bill 17-57, "Office of Administrative Hearings Amendment Act of 2007." To include within the jurisdiction of the Office of Administrative Hearings cases of the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency that are subject to the Rental Housing Act of 1985; and to provide that a tenant of housing assisted by the Housing Finance Agency or through the auspices of the Housing Finance Agency may file a petition in accordance with the Rental Housing Act of 1985 for housing code violations, substantial reductions in services, or for an unlawful rent or rent increase. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson and Wells)
- **19. Bill 17-58, "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act Revision Act of 2007."** To enact the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act regulating and facilitating the donation of organs and tissues.
- **20. Bill 17-59, "Corrections Officers Easy-Out Retirement Act of 2007."** To establish an easy-out retirement incentive program for corrections officers under the personnel authority of the Mayor in the Department of Corrections. (Co-introduced by Councilmember Mendelson and Chairman Gray)

executive duties and responsibilities upon the expiration of the term of office of a Mayor and the assumption of duties and responsibilities of a new Mayor, to promote the orderly transfer of the legislative duties and responsibilities upon the expiration of the term of office of the Council Chairman, and to provide \$2 million for the Council of the District of Columbia to cover additional personnel costs and fund additional central services during fiscal year 2007. *Adopted as D.C. Act 17-14*

- **22. Bill 17-98, "Large Retailer Accountability Act of 2007."** To establish standards a \$11.75 living wage and compliance with the First Source law for responsible bausiness practices by large retailers by ensuring that they pay living wages and provide benefits. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Barry, and Thomas)
- 23. Bill 17-99, "District of Columbia Clean Cars Act of 2007." To require the Mayor to establish and maintain a low emissions vehicle program applicable to certain vehicles by a certain date and to prohibit the Mayor from titling or registering certain vehicles non-compliant with the program. This act shall become effective upon passage of similar legislation by Maryland or Virginia. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Cheh, and Wells)
- 24. Bill 17-100, "Retroactive Pay in Collective Bargaining Agreements Amendment Act of 2007." To prohibit retroactive pay in collective bargaining agreements where the parties fail to comply with the statutory timetable for opening negotiations.
- **25. Bill 17-137, "Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission Amendment Act of 2007."** (Emergency is **Bill 17-274**) To authorize the Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission to continue to promulgate, revise, and implement a system of voluntary sentencing guidelines, and for other purposes. Amended to include provision for salary of the Fire Chief. *Emergency adopted as D.C. Act 17-xxx*; permanent is D.C. Act 17-xxx
- **26. Bill 17-138, "Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act of 2007."** To establish a Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Commission and a Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund to reduce motor vehicle theft in the District of Columbia.
- 27. **Bill 17-139, "Menu Education and Labeling Act of 2007."** To require chain restaurants (10 or more locations nationally) to provide nutritional information (calories, carbohydrates, sodium, and saturated plus trans fat) on their menus for standard items and they are usually prepared and offered for sale. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson and Barry)
- 28. Bill 17-145, "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2007." To establish guidelines for management, investment, and expenditures of funds held by charitable institutions for charitable purposes; to establish standards of conduct in managing and investing institutional funds; to establish guidelines for the appropriation of expenditure or accumulation of an endowment fund; to permit the delegation of management and investment functions; to provide a procedure for release or modification of restrictions on manage-

ment, investment, or purpose of a fund; to establish a standard for reviewing compliance with the act; and for other purposes.

- **29. Bill 17-162, "School Modernization Funds Submission Requirements Waiver Emergency Amendment Act of 2007"** (temporary is **Bill 17-163**). To amend the School Modernization Financing Act of 2006 to waive the approval requirements of the Master Facilities Plan and the facilities management organizational strategy, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Support Act of 2005 to waive the submission criteria for use of bond revenue (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and all11 Councilmembers). *Emergency adopted as D.C. Act 17-30; temporary is D.C. Act 17-44*
- **30. Bill 17-170, "Emergency Medical Services Improvement Act of 2007."** To establish as a statutory position the medical director of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (hired/fired by the Mayor; appointment confirmed by the Council); and to establish duties and authority such as to provide medical oversight for all aspects of EMS, clarify that EMTs and paramedics operate under the license of the medical director, establish that the medical director can order hospital ERs not to close or to accept the transfer of care of patients within a specified period, and to authorize the transport of patients to providers other than hospital emergency rooms.
- 31. Bill 17-183, "Omnibus Domestic Partner Real Property Amendment Act of 2007." To amend various laws relating to real estate ownership to permit domestic partners to hold property as tenants by the entirety, and to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to include domestic partners when making the determination of the smallest unit-size appropriate for an eligible family. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Evans, Mendelson, Brown, Schwartz, and Wells)
- **32. Bill 17-197, "Paid Sick and Safe Days Act of 2007."** To require employers in the District of Columbia to provide up to 10 days paid leave to employees for physical or mental illness, preventative medical care, family care, parental leave, and absences associated with domestic violence or sexual violence. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Barry, Brown, Cheh, Graham, and Thomas)
- **33. Bill 17-199, "Enhanced Professional Security Amendment Act of 2007."** To enhance the standards for security officers in the District of Columbia by establishing minimum compensation requirements commensurate to their services. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Brown, Mendelson, Barry, Graham, Thomas, and Wells)
- **34. Bill 17-211, "Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007."** To establish minimum energy efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed in the District of Columbia. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Cheh, Mendelson, Barry, Brown, Gray, Thomas, and Wells)
- **35. Bill 17-234, "Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Amendment Act of 2007."** To identify the CJCC as a criminal justice agency, to revise the enumerated duties to provide for the receipt and analysis of juvenile data, and to statutorily designate the CJCC as the Statistical Analysis Center for the District.

- **36. Bill 17-322, "Private Employee Whistleblower Protection Act of 2007."** To provide for the rights of employees in the private sector to report a violation of common law or any federal, state, or local law, or a substantial and specific danger to the public safety without fear of retaliation or reprisal; to provide for remedies for violations of this act. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Mendelson, Alexander, Barry, Bowser, Brown, Cheh, Evans, Gray, Graham, and Thomas)
- **37. Bill 17-335, "Washington, DC Service and Sacrifice Gratitude Memorial Reception Act of 2007."** To require the Mayor and Council host a reception, and present a monument to be displayed in the John A. Wilson Building, to recognize and honor our District residents who, despite not having full representation in Congress, behaved valiantly and sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. armed forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Thomas, Mendelson, Barry, Brown, Cheh, Graham, and Schwartz)
- 38. Bill 17-xxx, "Fire-safety Cigarette Requirements Act of 2007." To permit only fire-safety cigarettes to be sold in the District of Columbia to help reduce fires and related personal injury and property damage caused by cigarettes; to establish test methodology and performance standards for fire-safety cigarettes, to require manufacturers to self-certify that their cigarettes meet the requirements of this act, and to establish penalties for a violation of this act. (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and Councilmember Mendelson)
- 39. Bill 17-xxx, "Special Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007." To require a detailed plan for the re-evaluation of all Individualized Education Plans for the special needs students of DCPS and Public Charter Schools, a plan for DCPS and the Public Charter Schools to develop their own special education programs, and a plan for the accommodation of students with special needs that cannot be accommodated by the DCPS or Public Charter Schools with detailed analysis of the cost of educating these students in private settings in the District of Columbia. These plans are to be submitted to the Council within 120 days of the enactment of this legislation. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Mendelson, Brown, Thomas, and Chairman Gray)
- **40. Bill 17-375, "Subordinate Agency Heads Employment Contract Submission Amendment Act of 2007."** To prohibit the Mayor from entering into an employment contract inconsistent with current law and to require the Mayor to submit bot the nomination and the employment contract at the same time.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. **PR 17-21, "Exploratory Committee Regulation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-12. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Schwartz and Mendelson) *Adopted as R. 17-18*
- 2. ✓ PR 17-33, "Crime Reduction Initiative Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-15. Adopted as R. 17-16

- 3. **PR 17-34, "Omnibus Public Safety Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resoltuion of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-16. *Adopted as R. 17-17*
- 4. **PR 17-84, "Mayor and Chairman of the Council Transition Revised Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-81. *Adopted as R. 17-31*
- PR 17-134, "Sense of the Council Sudan Divestment Resolution of 2007." To urge the District government to ensure that no District funds and no public employee retirement funds are invested in companies doing business in Sudan. (Co-introduced by Councilmember Brown and all Councilmembers)
- 6. **PR 17-198,** "Crime Reduction Initiative (Rebuttable Presumption) Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-153 (see Bill 17-15). Adopted as R. 17-82
- 7. **PR 17-199, "Omnibus Public Safety Second Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-154 (see Bill 17-16). *Adopted as R. 17-83*
- 8. PR 17-212, "School Modernization Funds Submission Requirements Waiver Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-162. Adopted as R. 17-140
- 9. PR 17-214, "Sense of the Council to Reform Police Court-Papering Requirements Resolution of 2007." To declare that the practice of court-papering places an unnecessary burden on police officers and that MPD, the United States Attorney, and the Superior Court need to develop a better system that reduces the number of MPD officers taken off of patrol and that streamlines the charging process. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Wells and Mendelson)
- 10. PR 17-221, "Opposition to Anti-Women Lyrics, Dialogue and Images Sense of the Council Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider PR 17-222. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Barry, Brown, Evans, Graham, Mendelson, Thomas, Wells, and Chairman Gray) Adopted as R. 17-153
- 11. PR 17-222, "Opposition to Anti-Women Lyrics, Dialogue and Images Sense of the Council Emergency Resolution of 2007." To declare the sense of the Council that derogatory comments toward women are unacceptable. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Barry, Brown, Evans, Graham, Mendelson, Thomas, Wells, and Chairman Gray) Adopted as R. 17-154
- 12. **PR** 17-224, "Sense of the Council in Support of Amending the Home Rule Charter to Increase the Pay of the Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi, Emergency

Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider PR 17-225. (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and Councilmembers Evans, Brown, Catania, Cheh, Graham, Mendelson, Schwartz, Thomas, and Wells) *Adopted as R.* 17-155

- 13. PR 17-225, "Sense of the Council in Support of Amending the Home Rule Charter to Increase the Pay of the Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi, Emergency Resolution of 2007." To declare the sense of the Council that Congress should amend the Home Rule Charter to increase the salary of the District's CFO to an annual rate equal to one and a half times basic pay payable for Level 1 Of the Executive Schedule. (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and Councilmembers Evans, Brown, Catania, Cheh, Graham, Mendelson, Schwartz, Thomas, and Wells) Adopted as R. 17-156
- 14. PR 17-245, "Sense of the Council in Support of the A-sia Sutton Smoke Alarm Giveaway and Installation Program Emergency Resolution of 2007." To declare, on an emergency basis, the sense of the Council in support of the District Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department's city-wide initiative, the "A-sia Sutton Smoke Alarm Giveaway and Installation Program," to ensure all District of Columbia homes have working smoke detectors. (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and all 11 Councilmembers) Adopted as R. 17-233
- **PR 17-258, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-215 (temporary is Bill 17-216), amending D.C. Code § 28-3911 to increase from \$1,490,000 to \$3,000,000 the maximum amount that may be maintained in the District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund. (Introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of Mayor Fenty, moved by Mendelson) *Adopted as R. 17-235*
- 16. **PR 17-336, "Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007."** To declare the existence of an emergency in order to consider Bill 17-263 (see Bill 17-41). *Adopted as R. 17-236*
- 17. PR 17-366, "District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2007." To declare the existence of an emergen-cy in order to consider Bill 17-274 (see Bill 17-137). Adopted as R. 17-277
- 18. PR 17-427, "Sense of the Council Urging Congress to Repeal the Real ID Act Resolution of 2007." To declare the sense of the Council that Congress should repeal uniform identification card requirements for the states, which is an unfunded mandate, is tantamount to a national ID card, and which could increase risk of identity theft. (Cointroduced by Councilmembers Mendelson, Barry, Brown, Evans, Schwartz, Thomas, and Wells)

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

(Authored/Signed by Councilmember Mendelson)

- 1. CER 17-6, "Taleshia Andrea Ford Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007." To posthumously honor and remember the life of Taleshia Andrea Ford, also known as "Tilly," (who at 17 years old was a victim of gun violence in a nightclub near 9th & U Streetes, NW) and to declare January 20, 2007, as "Taleshia Andrea Ford Day" in the District of Columbia. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Graham, Mendelson, Barry, Brown, Catania, Evans, Schwartz, Thomas, and Chairman Gray)
- **2. CER 17-14, "Alfred Dudley, Sr. Recognition Resolution of 2007."** To recognize Alfred Dudley, Sr., for his business acumen, educational contributions and leading salesmanship of Dudley Products to residents in the District of Columbia. [correction of name from 2006 ceremonial resolution]
- 3. CER 17-18, "Timothy Ring Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007." To recognize and honor Timothy Ring for his exemplary act of bravery and service to the District of Columbia in interrupting a robbery in progress and assisting in the capture of the suspects on the morning of December 18, 2006. (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Cheh and Mendelson)
- 4. CER 17-31, "Community Association Day Recognition Resolution of 2007." To recognize and honor the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute's observation of the vital role of residential community associations in the Nation's Capital, and to declare Saturday, March 31, 2007 as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia.
- 5. CER 17-41, "Gilbert Arenas Appreciation Resolution of 2007." To express the appreciation of the Washington, DC community for the civic involvement and contributions by Gilbert Arenas, Jr. To the citizens of the District of Columbia. (Co-introduced by all 11 councilmembers)
- 6. CER 17-61, "Gallaudet Community Relations Council Recognition Resolution of 2007."

 To recognize and honor the Gallaudet Community Relations Council for its vital role in improving the quality of life for the residents of the Near Northeast community and strengthening the relationship between Gallaudet University and the community.
- 7. CER 17-91, "Dr. Frank Kameny Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Recognition Resolution of 2007." To salute Dr. Frank Kameny for his leadership and countless achievements in advancing the noble causes of freedom and equality for all District residents and all Americans on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the commencement of his struggle, and to recognize and honor his contributions during the District's diverse pride celebrations as an example and inspiration to us all. (Co-introduced by Jack Evans and all 11 Councilmembers)
- **8. CER 17-102, "Stuart J. Land Recognition Resolution of 2007."** To recognize and honor Stuart J. Land for the help he gave laying the foundation of the public charter school program in Washington, D.C.

- 9. CER 17-117, "District of Columbia Hand Dance Recognition Resolution of 2007." To recognize the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute and the National Hand Dance Association for a resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance in the District of Columbia.
- **10. CER 17-xxx, "Gethsemane Baptist Church Recognition Resolution of 2007."** To recognize ... (Co-introduced by Councilmembers Mendelson and Bowser)
- 11. CER 17-xxx, "His Holiness the XVI Dalai Lama of Tibet Day Recognition Resolution of 2007." To recognize (co-introduced by Councilmember Jim Graham and all 13 Councilmembers)
- **12. CER 17-xxx, "Effi Slaughter Barry Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007."** To recognize ... (Co-introduced by Chairman Gray and all 13 Councilmembers)