

## COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

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February 19, 2016

Laura Zeilinger, Director Department of Human Services 64 New York Avenue, NE, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20002

Dear Director Zeilinger:

As you know, the Council will soon consider Bill 21-620, the Homeward DC Omnibus Approval of Facilities Plan for Short-Term Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2016. In anticipation of the hearing, I write to request detailed information regarding the District's existing and proposed emergency shelter sites.

Please provide the following information, by ward, preferably in the form of a table<sup>1</sup>:

- The total number of existing sites and the number of beds currently being utilized as emergency shelter for individuals, including unaccompanied men, women, and youth;
- The total number of existing sites and the number of units currently being utilized as emergency family shelter;
- The total number of motels, including the number of rooms, currently being utilized as emergency shelter for families (please include any locations outside of the District);
- The total number of motels, including the number of rooms, currently being utilized as emergency shelter for individuals, including unaccompanied men, women, or youth (please include any locations outside of the District);
- The total number of sites and the number of beds currently being used as transitional housing for families;
- The total number of sites and the number of beds currently being used as transitional housing for individuals, including unaccompanied men, women, or youth;
- The total number of sites and the number of units proposed for families under Bill 21-620; and
- The total number of sites and the number of beds proposed for unaccompanied adults under Bill 21-620.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I am aware of a bar chart and graphic depicting emergency shelter capacity by ward that was prepared for a councilmember. Attaching that (and similar) graphics to your response is helpful *in addition to* the table of data requested in this letter.



In addition, as a separate attachment, please provide a full inventory of all emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing facilities for families or individuals operated by the District or any other entity on behalf of the District. For each location, please include the number of beds or units at each facility.

Please provide your response within a week of the date of this letter. Please call me or Ms. Alana Intrieri on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chairman Phil Mendelson