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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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To amend the Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 to create a Small Business Advisory Council to advise the District on small business issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Small Business Advisory Council Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Part C of the Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 2–218.21 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) The part heading is amended to read as follows:  
“Part C. District of Columbia Small Business Advisory Council.”.

(b) New sections 2325a and 2325b are added to read as follows:

42 “Sec. 2325a. District of Columbia Small Business Advisory Council,  
43 establishment.

44 (a) There is established a District of Columbia Small Business Advisory Council  
45 (the “SBA Council”).

46 “(b) The purpose of the SBA Council shall be to serve as the advisory body to the  
47 Mayor, the Council, and District agencies on matters pertaining to small businesses in the  
48 District, and to identify systemic issues facing small businesses with their interactions with the  
49 District government.

50 “Sec. 2325b. District of Columbia Small Business Advisory Council,  
51 composition, appointments, and terms.

52 “(a) The Council shall be composed of 17 members, as follows:

53 “(1) The Director of the Department of Small and Local Business Development or  
54 his or her designee;

55 “(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs or his  
56 or her designee;

57 “(3) The Director of the Office of Tax and Revenue or his or her designee;

58 “(4) The Director of the Department of Employment Services or his or her  
59 designee; and

60 “(5) Thirteen community representatives.

61 “(b)(1) Each member of the Council shall appoint one community representative.

62 “(2)A community representative shall be a resident of the District with a  
63 demonstrated interest in small business, including small business owners.

64 “(c)(1)(A) Community representatives shall serve a 3-year term; provided, that of the  
65 initial appointees, 4 shall serve terms of one year, 5 shall serve terms of 2 years, and 4 shall serve  
66 terms of 3 years.

67 (B) The term-length of each initial community representative shall be  
68 determined by lot at the first meeting of the SBA Council.

69 “(2) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

70 “(3) Community members who are appointed to fill vacancies that occur before  
71 the expiration of a full term shall be appointed to serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

72 “(d) The SBA Council shall meet no less than once per quarter, and all meetings shall be  
73 open to the public according to section 742 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
74 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 831; D.C. Official Code § 1–207.42).

75 “(e) The Department of Small and Local Business shall provide the SBA Council with an  
76 annual operating budget, which shall include funds to maintain a website, where the SBA  
77 Council shall provide to the public a list of members, meeting notices, and meeting minutes.”.

78 Sec. 3. Sunset.

79 This act shall expire 6 years from its effective date, unless reauthorized by the Council of  
80 the District of Columbia.

81 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

85 Sec. 5. Effective date.

86           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
87 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
88 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
89 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of  
90 Columbia Register.