

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-844

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member White

**Date of Introduction:** October 22, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** October 24, 2024

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendments

**Bill Summary:** The ordinance amends several sections of the Ordinance Code to clarify that council members shall be designated as Council liaisons to various bodies by means of designation, rather than appointment or assignment, by the Council President. The amendments affect the Kids Hope Alliance (Chapter 77), Public Service Grant Council (Chapter 80), Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee, Homeless Initiatives Committee (Chapter 86), Special Committee on Group Health Insurance (Chapter 116), and Tree Commission (Chapter 94).

**Background Information:** The change from the term “appointed” to “designated” is intended to clarify that the council member liaisons are not voting members of the entity to which they are being named and that the designation by the Council President is not an appointment required to be done by resolution with confirmation by vote of the Council. The intent is to prevent any Government in the Sunshine Law implications which could prevent council member from speaking to other members of the bodies to which they are acting as liaisons about matters under the entity’s purview outside of the context of a properly noticed meeting. The Rules Committee considered this issue in 2016 and amendments were made in several chapters of the Code to address designation and non-voting membership. These changes extend that effort.

**Policy Impact Area:** Council member liaisons

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Analyst:** Clements