

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**



May 19, 2022

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Dear Director Isaac:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Corrections Information Council (CIC) report of the Department of Corrections (DOC) Central Cell Block (CCB). CIC inspected CCB on April 5, 2022. We appreciate our ongoing partnership with the CIC, whereby we look to seek improved circumstance and outcomes for District of Columbia inmates returning to the community.

DOC was mandated to assume operations of the CCB in 2012. Previous to that, the operations of the facility was under the Metropolitan Police Department. Like all District government facilities, CCBs building maintenance is managed by the Department of General Services (DGS). All onsite mechanical and environmental concerns are identified by DOC staff, and reported to the DGS for repair and or replacement.

DOC continues to be appreciative for CIC's follow-up and recommendations that seek to ensure improvements. With that said, below you will find DOC's response to specific recommendations.

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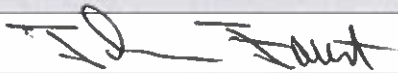

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Inspection Response: Action Plan

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Facility: Central Cell Block

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CIC Recommendations:

1. *Mattresses are issued, at least in special circumstances.*
2. *All maintenance issues concerning plumbing, cells, and handicapped assistance equipment be addressed in a timely fashion..*

DOC Response to CIC Recommendations:

1. As of April 16, 2022, mattresses are issued to all pregnant female arrestees and all arrestees that arrive on Saturday's after the last Saturday court hearing. Arrestees maintain those mattresses until they are released or transferred. CCB staff clean, disinfect, dry and properly store mattresses between uses.
2. CCB staff email DGS a maintenance, environmental and sanitation report, daily. The report includes a description of the deficiency, the date(s) identified, and the date(s) for abatement.