Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.E., 200040

COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER

BILL 22-0038, THE "LOBBYIST ACTIVITY REPORTING TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"

BILL 22-0136, THE "COMPREHENSIVE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ESTABLISHMENT AND BEGA AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"

AND

B22-0344, "LOBBYING DISCLOSURE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Room 412, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing to consider Bill 22-0038, the "Lobbyist Activity Reporting Transparency Amendment Act of 2017", Bill 22-0136, the "Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia Establishment and BEGA Amendment Act of 2017", and Bill 22-0344, the "Lobbying Disclosure Amendment Act of 2017". The hearing will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0038, the "Lobbyist Activity Reporting Transparency Amendment Act of 2017", is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to require lobbyists to file monthly activity reports with the Director of Government Ethics.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0136, the "Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia Establishment and BEGA Amendment Act of 2017", is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to establish the Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0344, the "Lobbying Disclosure Amendment Act of 2017", is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to update the definition of lobbying to require disclosure of all communications with an official in the legislative or executive branch with the purpose of influencing contracts, reprogrammings, or other procurement actions taken by the District government.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 727-8275, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by close-of-business-Monday, October 30. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring twenty-single-sided-copies of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on November 16.