Council of the District of Columbia Committee on Government Operations Notice of a Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 117 Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Brandon T. Todd, Chair Committee on Government Operations

Announces a Public Hearing

on

B22-324 - Notary Public Electronic Establishment and Enhancement Amendment Act of 2017

B22-467 - Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts of 2017

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 9:00 A.M. John A. Wilson Building, Room 500 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Brandon T. Todd announces the scheduling of a public hearing by the Committee on Government Operations on B22-324, the "Notary Public Electronic Establishment and Enhancement Amendment Act of 2017" and B22-467, the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts of 2017". The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004.

B22-324 updates the District's notary laws to conform with current best practices. It does not require the notary's sole place of residence or business be in the District. It gives the Mayor the authority to revoke the commission of notary publics who take higher fees than what is permitted by law. Among other things it requires that upon death, resignation, or revocation, notaries must return the official notarial seal to the District, along with other official documents and establishes an electronic notary system.

B22-467 enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, which updates the provisions on notary responsibilities, electronic recording, interstate recognition, and remedies. The bill modernizes the law relating to notaries and notarial acts to accommodate the societal and technological changes and is designed to make the Act more responsive to current transactions and continuing technological change.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to contact Faye Caldwell of the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-6663 or by email at fcaldwell@dccouncil.us and provide their name(s), address, telephone number, email

address, and organizational affiliation, if any, by close of business Monday, December 11, 2017. Each witness is requested to bring 20 copies of his/her written testimony. Representatives of organizations and government agencies will be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Individual witnesses will be limited to 3 minutes.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. The official record will remain open until close of business Wednesday, December 27, 2017. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 117 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.