

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 22-465, Foreign Government Owned Vacant and Blighted Building Amendment Act of 2017

on

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018
10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee of Whole on Bill 22-465, the “Foreign Government Owned Vacant and Blighted Building Amendment Act of 2017.” The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-465 is to allow the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to classify foreign government owned buildings no longer used for legation purposes as vacant or blighted. In addition, the bill would require DCRA to maintain and publish a list of foreign owned buildings that are afforded diplomatic protections but are determined to be vacant or blighted, and to deliver the list to the Mayor, the Council, and the US Department of State’s, Office of Foreign Missions.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Peter Johnson, Special Counsel at (202) 724-8083, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Monday, **September 24, 2018**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on September 24, 2018 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.