

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

**District of Columbia Auditor's Report  
"Housing Code Enforcement: A Case Study of Dahlgreen Courts"**

on

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 10:00 a.m.  
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the District of Columbia Auditor's Report, "Housing Code Enforcement: A Case Study of Dahlgreen Courts." The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Chairman Mendelson requested that Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) examine the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and make recommendations to the Council on how DCRA may improve operations. The Committee is concerned about DCRA's failure to respond quickly and effectively to numerous housing code complaints at Dahlgreen Courts and ODCA used Dahlgreen Courts as a case study. ODCA found that DCRA could better protect tenants through more rigorous and timely enforcement of the housing code. The process for responding to housing code violation complaints allows landlords to put off remediation through extensions and delayed re-inspection. Even when fines are levied, these fines may not be sufficient to deter landlords from allowing conditions in their units to deteriorate. The report found that the District government is missing opportunities to protect tenants through other programs that relate to affordable housing. In addition to problems with the enforcement process itself, limited documentation and tracking contribute to a lack of transparency which impedes the accountability needed to consistently protect the health and safety of tenants in the District.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us), or call Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Monday, **October 29, 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 October 29, 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 report can be obtained through the Auditor's website at <http://dcauditor.org/reports/2018>. 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, November 14, 2018.