CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

The District of Columbia's First Source Hiring Law

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 11:00 a.m. Hearing Room 500, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chair of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, announces a public roundtable on the District of Columbia's First Source hiring law and employment program, which sets hiring requirements for taxpayer-funded projects. The roundtable will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss First Source in light of two reports by the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) released on April 19, 2018: "DOES Lacks Policies and Procedures to Effectively Monitor D.C.'s First Source Program" and "Fewer than One-Fifth of First Source Provisions Have Been Effectively Implemented and the District Has Not Demonstrated Success in Hiring and Retaining District Employees." The Committee is interested in hearing from ODCA, the Department of Employment Services, employers, job seekers and others about the efficacy of the current program and its enforcement as well as how this critical program can be strengthened and improved.

Those who wish to testify before the Committee are asked to contact Ms. Charnisa Royster at <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u> or (202) 724-7772 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, to provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any), as well as the language of oral interpretation, if any, they require. Those wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Those representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony, and other individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If a witness is 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 by email to Ms. Royster at <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u> or mailed to the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 115 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 Friday, July 6, 2018.