

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

**PR22-1002, THE “DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES SCIENCE ADVISORY
BOARD RULEMAKING APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2018”**

**Thursday, November 29, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, November 29, 2018, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public roundtable to discuss PR22-1002, the “Department of Forensic Sciences Science Advisory Board Rulemaking Approval Resolution of 2018”. The roundtable will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 12:00 p.m.

The stated purpose of PR22-1002 is to approve the issuance of rules by the Department of Forensic Sciences applicable to the Science Advisory Board (“SAB”), specifically to define the roles and responsibilities of the SAB and establish the reporting requirements and complaint process for the Department. The SAB reviews all reports of allegations of professional negligence, misconduct, or misidentification or other testing errors that occur in the provision of forensic sciences by the Department; reviews the program standards and protocols related to the Department’s operations; reviews scientific literature to determine whether Department manuals and procedures should be modified; reviews and makes recommendations concerning the Department’s operations; and advises the Mayor, Council, and Director on matters relating to the Department or forensic sciences.

Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-7808, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, November 26**. 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 should bring **twenty double-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 roundtable, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on December 3, 2018.**