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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' NOVEMBER 8, 2016, GENERAL ELECTION
AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

**BILL 22-0037, THE "VOTER ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"**

AND

**BILL 22-0087, THE "ELECTIONS MODERNIZATION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"**

**Thursday, April 6, 2017, 12 p.m.
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, April 6, 2017, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on the Board of Elections' November 8, 2016, General Election After-Action Report; Bill 22-0037, the "Voter Address Confidentiality Amendment Act of 2017"; and Bill 22-0087, the "Elections Modernization Amendment Act of 2017". The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 12 p.m.

The hearing will review the Board of Elections' November 8, 2016, General Election After-Action Report in addition to the two bills below. The After-Action Report can be accessed here: https://www.dcboee.org/popup.asp?url=/pdf_files/2016GeneralElectioAfterActionReport.pdf.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0037, the "Voter Address Confidentiality Amendment Act of 2017", is to amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to establish a procedure by which survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking can maintain the confidentiality of their addresses with the Board of Elections.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0087, the “Elections Modernization Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to increase the frequency with which the Board of Elections determines appropriately-sized voting precincts, and to permit duly registered voters to elect to receive a voter guide by electronic means.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 727-8275, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, March 31**. 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 are encouraged to bring **twenty single-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 hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on April 19.**