

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004**

**CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR DISTRICT YOUTH:
B22-0054, "MARION S. BARRY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION ACT
OF 2017"
B22-0111, "SAFE WAY HOME ACT OF 2017"**

**Monday, April 3, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Hearing Room 412, 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 hearing on B22-0054, the "Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Expansion Act of 2017" and B22-0111, the "Safe Way Home Act of 2017." The hearing will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017, in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

In the course of examining both bills, the hearing will focus on employment services for District residents up to the age of 24, including summer youth programs, On-the-Job (OJT) training, and subsidized employment. It will examine both existing District programs as well as policy and program recommendations for serving this age group. The committee welcomes testimony from the public on these topics.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0054, the "Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Expansion Act of 2017," is to amend the Youth Employment Act for 1979 to authorize the mayor to provide employment or work readiness training for youth participants through 24 years of age; to authorize the payment of wages for youth participants between the ages of 16 to 21 at no less than \$8.25 per hour; to provide that registration for the summer youth employment program shall occur annually; and to remove the 6-week limitation on the employment period.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0111, the "Safe Way Home Act of 2017," is to provide for the making of grants to fund violence intervention outreach and community programming in police service areas with high levels of violent crime; to expand the On-the-Job training program for adults to serve at least 1,000 young adults in PSAs with high levels of violent crime; and to establish a community outreach team to provide for additional outreach workers to assure safe passage to and from schools in PSAs with high levels of violent crime.

Those who wish to testify before the Committee are asked to contact Ms. Charnisa Royster at laborworkforcedevelopment@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-7772 by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March

30, 2017, 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 may 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 laborworkforcedevelopment@dccouncil.us 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 Monday, April 17, 2017.