

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

---

2017 AUG 16 AM 11:33  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON**

**“THE STATE OF OBSTETRIC SERVICES AT THE UNITED MEDICAL CENTER ”**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017  
11:00 A.M., ROOM 500, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Oversight Hearing on the “The State of Obstetric Services at the United Medical Center.” The hearing will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

On Monday August 7, 2017 the Department of Health placed a restriction on the operating license of the United Medical Center prohibiting the hospital from treating and admitting any new obstetric patients. The 50 year old United Medical Center is the only hospital on the East End of the District and the suspension of obstetric services raises questions of health equity and the availability of inpatient birthing options for the approximately 140,000 residents living in Wards 7 and 8.

The focus of the hearing will be updating the Council and the public on progress towards remedying the deficiencies identified by the Department of Health. The factors leading to the Department of Health’s decision to suspend obstetric services have not yet been made clear by the Department or the Mayor. The Committee plans to hear from the Director of the Department of Health, as well as leadership from the United Medical Center.

Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst to the Committee on Health, at 202-654-6179 or via e-mail at [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, although all persons who show up at the hearing will be allowed to testify. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of their written testimony.

For those unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements can be emailed to [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or mailed to Malcolm Cameron at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 113, Washington, D.C., 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017.