

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations
Notice of a Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 117 Washington, DC 20004

**Councilmember Brandon Todd, Chair
Committee on Government Operations**

Announces a Public Hearing

on

- **B22-318 - Office on African American Affairs Establishment Act of 2017**
- **B22-109 - Commission on African American History and Culture Establishment Act of 2017**

**Thursday, July 6, 2017, 1:00 P.M.
John A. Wilson Building, Room 500
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Brandon Todd announces the scheduling of a public hearing by the Committee on Government Operations on B22-318, the “Office on African American Affairs Establishment Act of 2017”, and B22-109, the “Commission on African American History and Culture Establishment Act of 2017”. The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004.

B22-318 establishes an Office on African American Affairs within District government to ensure that a full range of housing, health, education, employment, social services, public safety, and business opportunities are available to the African American community in the District of Columbia.

B22-109 establishes a Commission on African American History and Culture in the Mayor's Office on African American Affairs (Commission). Among other things, the Commission's duties are as follows: educate District residents and visitors on the significance of the African American experience in the District, cooperate with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to develop materials that support the teaching of African American history in District public and charter schools, and provide grants that provide for African American historic preservation and public programming projects in the District.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to contact Faye Caldwell of the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-6663 or by email at fcaldwell@dccouncil.us and provide their name(s), address, telephone number, email

address, and organizational affiliation, if any, by close of business Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Each witness is requested to bring 20 copies of his/her written testimony. Representatives of organizations and government agencies will be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Individual witnesses will be limited to 3 minutes.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. The official record will remain open until close of business Monday, July 10, 2017. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 117 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.