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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 22-0008, THE “CAMPAIGN FINANCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

BILL 22-0032, THE “CLEAN ELECTIONS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”

**BILL 22-0051, THE “COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

BILL 22-0107, THE “CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”

**Monday, July 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Room 500, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Monday, July 10, 2017, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0008, the “Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability Amendment Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0032, the “Clean Elections Amendment Act of 2017”; Bill 22-0051, the “Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017”; and Bill 22-0107, the “Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017”. The hearing will take place in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0008, the “Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability Amendment Act of 2017”, is to require political action committees to direct their contributions through regulated accounts that are designated for that purpose; clarify that expenditures coordinated with a candidate or campaign are considered contributions to that candidate or campaign; require political action committees and independent expenditure committees to certify that the donations they have received have not been coordinated with any candidate or campaign; enhance disclosure of independent expenditures; prohibit candidates, public officials, and their affiliated political committees from soliciting donations to any independent expenditure committee or political action committee; close the loophole allowing unlimited contributions to a political

action committee in a year when the committee is not supporting candidates; disqualify individuals and corporations from large contracts or other significant business with the District if they have recently contributed to certain covered recipients; regulate Hatch Act employee designations by requiring them to be for a principal campaign or exploratory committee, requiring employees to use either annual or unpaid leave, requiring designated employees to disclose their designation to the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, and requiring the Board to post designated-employee information on its website; and require members of boards and commissions to obtain ethics training from the Board at the beginning of their service.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0032, the “Clean Elections Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to clarify when expenditure committees are genuinely independent of a candidate or officeholder and to allow only individuals to contribute to political committees and constituent service programs.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0051, the “Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to add definitions for the terms “covered contractor”, “prohibited recipient”, and “related party”, to amend definitions for the terms “contribution”, “expenditure”, and “political committee”, to prohibit registered lobbyists from bundling contributions, to establish campaign restrictions for covered contractors during prohibited periods prior to an election, to prohibit contributions in excess of \$25 in the form of a money order, to require disclosures from those who make substantial independent expenditures, to give covered contractors an opportunity to cure violations prior to the commencement of an enforcement action, and to provide a separate penalty provision for covered contractor violations.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0107, the “Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to require principal campaign committees to retire all debts within six months after an election, and to require committees and candidates to obtain consent before using an individual’s likeness in campaign literature, advertisements, websites, or social media.

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 Wednesday, July 5**. 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 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 July 24.**