Council of the District of Columbia COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL 22-0080, THE "ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017"

BILL 22-0129, THE "STREET HARASSMENT PREVENTION ACT OF 2017"

Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Room 412, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

On Wednesday, July 12, 2017, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0080, the "Access to Justice for Immigrants Amendment Act of 2017", and Bill 22-0129, the "Street Harassment Prevention Act of 2017". The hearing will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0080, the "Access to Justice for Immigrants Amendment Act of 2017", is to amend the Access to Justice Initiative Establishment Act of 2010 to create a separate civil immigration legal services program that serves the District's documented and undocumented immigrant residents, and to require that funding for civil immigration legal services to the District's documented and undocumented immigrant residents be used for that purpose.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0129, the "Street Harassment Prevention Act of 2017", is to establish an advisory committee for the prevention of street harassment, to create policies and guidelines to identify and educate District employees about street harassment, to fund programs to support the prevention of street harassment, and to collect data and survey the pervasiveness of street harassment in the District.

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, July 7. 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 <u>twenty single-sided copies</u> of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to <u>judiciary@dccouncil.us</u>.

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.