

**Council of the District of Columbia  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY  
REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

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

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**BILL 22-0170, THE “AT-RISK TENANT PROTECTION CLARIFYING AMENDMENT  
ACT OF 2017”**

**BILL 22-0329, THE “TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS RELIEF AMENDMENT  
ACT OF 2017”**

**BILL 22-0288, THE “HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

**AND**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 22-0357, THE “SENSE OF THE COUNCIL SUPPORTING  
PASSAGE OF THE EQUALITY ACT RESOLUTION OF 2017”**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0170, the “At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying Amendment Act of 2017”, Bill 22-0329, the “Trafficking Survivors Relief Amendment Act of 2017”, Bill 22-0288, the “Human Rights Amendment Act of 2017”, and Proposed Resolution 22-0357, the “Sense of the Council Supporting Passage of the Equality Act Resolution of 2017”. The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m. *Please note that this notice has been revised to reflect the inclusion of B22-0288 and PR22-0357.*

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0170, the “At-Risk Tenant Protecting Clarifying Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend Chapter 39 of Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify that

the Office of the Attorney General is authorized to enforce the Consumer Protection Procedures Act against housing providers that violate certain consumer protection laws that protect tenants.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0329, the “Trafficking Survivors Relief Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the Prohibition Against Human Trafficking Amendment Act of 2010 to allow for the vacatur of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrest records when such convictions or arrests are a direct result of an offender having been a victim of trafficking.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0288, the “Human Rights Amendment Act of 2017”, is to amend the Human Rights Act of 1977 to permit a complainant to bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction *de novo* and without regard to any Office of Human Rights or Commission on Human Rights proceedings or findings, and to require complainants to be notified of these rights when they file a complaint with the Office and at the time of a determination or withdrawal of the matter.

The stated purpose of Proposed Resolution 22-0357, the “Sense of the Council Supporting Passage of the Equality Act Resolution of 2017”, is to declare the Sense of the Council that the Congress of the United States pass the Equality Act of 2017 to ensure that federal civil rights laws are fully inclusive of protections on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

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](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) or at (202) 727-8275, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, September 18**. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 October 5.**