

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

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

**NEXT STEPS IN THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC HEALTH-BASED APPROACH TO
VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION**

**Thursday, January 31, 2019, 11 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, January 31, 2019, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public oversight roundtable on "Next Steps in the District's Public Health-Based Approach to Violence Prevention and Intervention". The roundtable will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 11 a.m.

The public health approach to violence prevention and intervention adopts methods from the public health field for responding to epidemics by treating violence as a disease that can be interrupted, treated, and prevented from spreading. The purpose of this public oversight roundtable is to discuss the activities of the District government's two primary public health-based violence prevention and intervention efforts, particularly in light of the increase in homicides experienced in 2018 and early 2019: (1) the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement and (2) the Office of the Attorney General's community-based "Cure the Streets" initiative. Specifically, the Committee will examine both initiatives' scope, funding, operations, outcomes, and next steps, recognizing that reducing crime is not accomplished solely through law enforcement.

The Committee will only hear from government witnesses at this roundtable and will offer an opportunity for oral public testimony at a later date. However, written statements from public witnesses will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on February 11, 2019.**