COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND PROCUREMENT

ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

District of Columbia Government Leasing and Agency Location Decision-Making at the Department of General Services

Thursday, July 11th, 2019, 9:30 AM Room 500, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

On Thursday, July 11th, 2019, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement, will hold a Public Oversight Roundtable on Government Leases and Agency Location Decision-Making at the Department of General Services. The Public Oversight Roundtable will take place in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 AM.

The purpose of the roundtable is to understand and evaluate the leasing practices of the Department of General Services to ensure that government-occupied leased space is being identified and procured efficiently and transparently. In addition, the roundtable will also evaluate the decision-making process for determining agency locations in the District, with the goal of ensuring those decisions are made with a view toward reducing cost and increasing equity, while ensuring accessibility.

The Committee invites the public to testify in person or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify should contact the Committee via e-mail at facilities@dccouncil.us or at (202) 741-8593, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by close of business on Wednesday, July 10th, 2019. If you require translation or interpretation services, please notify the Committee at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of four minutes for oral testimony, while Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will have a maximum of five minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced if there are a large number of witnesses. Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to bring twenty single-sided copies of their testimony in writing and submit their written testimony electronically in advance to facilities@dccouncil.us.

Witnesses are advised that should the public roundtable extend beyond 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m., the Committee will recess for a period of twenty minutes at each time. Should more than one hundred witnesses request to testify in person, the public roundtable will recess after the first one hundred witnesses and any witnesses signed up after the first one hundred will, at the discretion of the chair, be given the opportunity to either provide oral testimony when the roundtable reconvenes at a later date or submit written testimony for the record.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written testimony will be made part of the official record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted to the Committee at facilities@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary of the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004. The record will close at the close of business on Wednesday, July 30th, 2019.