

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON**

**A Review of The Department of Employment Services' Workforce Development Programs:  
Project Empowerment and DC Career Connections**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Hearing Room 500, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chair of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, announces a public oversight roundtable on the Department of Employment Services' Project Empowerment and DC Career Connections workforce development programs. The roundtable will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss and perform oversight of the Department of Employment Services' (DOES') Project Empowerment program, which provides life skills training as well as occupational training or subsidized job placement for DC residents ages 22 to 54 with barriers to employment, and DC Career Connections, which provides services similar to Project Empowerment but does so for District residents ages 20 to 24 who live in targeted Police Service Areas. The Council intends to review these programs' performance to understand past program activities and to help inform its analysis for future budget decisions. In the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, the DC Council partly funded these programs on a one-year basis, placing most of the remaining funds for the three successive budget years in reserve. The Committee will review the programs' budgets as part of the FY2021 budget process. As stated in its FY2020 budget report, "The committee expects that by next year, the agency will be able to provide valid, clear data about the programs' services, outcomes, and successes at both the program and vendor-level." The Committee has requested specific data on program performance from the agency; the request is available at <http://www.elissasilverman.com/workforceroundtables> and the response will be posted when it is received. This roundtable will be the second of two public oversight roundtables in Fall 2019 on DOES' workforce development programs; the Committee will hold a roundtable on the Local Adult Training program and the DC Infrastructure Academy on Wednesday, October 30.

Those who wish to testify before the Committee are asked to contact Ms. Charnisa Royster at [labor@dccouncil.us](mailto:labor@dccouncil.us) or (202) 724-7772 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, to provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any), as well as the language of oral interpretation, if any, they require. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, including American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, are requested to inform

this office of the need as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

Those wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Those representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony, and other individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If a witness is unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to Ms. Royster at [labor@dccouncil.us](mailto:labor@dccouncil.us) or mailed to the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 115 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019.