

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT
MARY M. CHEH, CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B23-390, the Urban Farming Land Lease Amendment Act of 2019; and
B23-407, the Lead Hazard Prevention and Elimination Amendment Act of 2019**

Monday, November 18, 2019, at 11:00 AM
in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On Monday, November 18, 2019, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B23-390, the Urban Farming Land Lease Amendment Act of 2019, and B23-40, the Lead Hazard Prevention and Elimination Amendment Act of 2019. The hearing will begin at 11:00 AM in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

B23-390 would allow the District to enter into a lease agreement with a qualified applicant to create and maintain an urban farm on vacant land, authorize the Department of Energy and Environment to waive soil testing requirements for a lessee who agrees to not plant in or use the site soil of the leased property, revise the mission of the Office of Urban Agriculture, and clarify soil testing requirements for the urban farm tax abatement program. B23-407 would modify acceptable levels of lead exposure in a dwelling unit, require the Mayor to withhold license, registration or permits until a building owner has provided a clearance report regarding compliance with lead exposure standards, establish an Indoor Lead Hazard Reduction Fund to provide financial assistance to owners of residential properties constructed before 1978 and occupied by low-income tenants to comply with requirements of the law, and establish a private right of action for tenants where a landlord fails to comply with the Act's requirements.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at (202) 724-8062 or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Persons representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony. Individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony. Witnesses should bring eight copies of their written testimony and should submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us.

If you are unable to testify in person, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Benjamin at the following address: Committee on Transportation and the Environment, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 108, Washington, D.C. 20004. Statements

may also be e-mailed to abenjamin@dccouncil.us or faxed to (202) 724-8118. The record will close at the end of the business day on December 2, 2019.