

**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

**THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY'S OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public oversight roundtable on "The Performance of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability's Office of Government Ethics". The roundtable will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability ("BEGA") is responsible for overseeing the Office of Government Ethics, which investigates allegations of ethical misconduct by District government employees and public officials and enforces the District's Code of Conduct. On July 5, 2019, Councilmember Allen requested that the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor conduct a focused review of BEGA's handling of a June 2018 complaint filed with the agency relating to the Housing Production Trust Fund and the Department of Housing and Community Development. On October 2, 2019, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor issued its report, titled "BEGA Mishandled Whistleblower Complaint on Housing Procurement", available here: <http://dcauditor.org/report/bega-mishandled-whistleblower-complaint-on-housing-procurement/>. The roundtable will discuss the report's findings, including those related to ethics complaint handling, and examine the operations of, and the Board's oversight of, the Office of Government Ethics.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, November 15**. 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 should bring **twenty copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements 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 Friday, December 6.**