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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

**The Metro Transit Police Department's
Policing Practices and Their Impact on Communities of Color**

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 10:00 AM
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

On Thursday, November 7, 2019, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement, and Councilmember Charles Allen, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a Joint Public Oversight Roundtable on The Metro Transit Police Department's Policing Practices and Their Impact on Communities of Color. The Joint Public Oversight Roundtable will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:00 AM.

The purpose of the roundtable is to examine the policing practices of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Metro Transit Police Department ("MTPD") and their impacts on communities of color. A series of widely publicized interactions between people of color and MTPD has raised concerns about police-community relations, training, uses of force, and the effective deployment of de-escalation strategies. This roundtable will review existing policies and practices, the impact of those policies and practices, and any lessons learned from recent events.

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 Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. If you require translation or interpretation services, please notify the Committee at least one week prior to the date of the public roundtable.

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 roundtable, 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 Thursday, November 21st, 2019.**