

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

REVISED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

B23-506, the Zero Waste Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019

Monday, December 16, 2019, at 12:30 PM
in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On Monday, December 16, 2019, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B23-506, the Zero Waste Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019. The hearing will begin at 12:30 PM in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

B23-506 would make several changes to the District's waste management system to increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill and incineration, including requiring the Mayor to prepare plans for recycling infrastructure in the public space, create training and outreach guides on source separation, and establish a uniform labeling scheme; requiring large commercial food waste generators to source separate commercial food waste; requiring waste collectors to address contamination in recyclables and compostables and requiring the Mayor to impose a surcharge on recycling disposed of at District transfer stations when recycling loads exceed a contamination threshold; requiring certain private collection properties to separate glass; requiring private collection properties to develop a waste management plan; establishing a reuse and donation program to reduce needless waste and increase diversion of reusable materials; establishing extended producer responsibility programs for batteries and home-generated sharps waste; and amending the requirements for disposable foodservice ware to require that food service entities use reusable foodservice ware for on-premises consumption and provide accessory disposable foodservice ware only upon request.

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. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or requiring sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than December 9, 2019, five business days before the hearing. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests,

however requests received after December 9, 2019, may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

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 30, 2019.

This hearing notice is revised to reflect that the hearing date and time have been moved from December 13, 2019, at 12 p.m., to December 16, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., and that the hearing location has been moved from Room 412 to Room 123. The revised notice also specifies the date by which requests for interpretation should be provided to the Committee.