

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES & PROCUREMENT
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

AND

**COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES & PROCUREMENT**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 23-0443, THE “MOVING THE OFFICE ON RETURNING CITIZEN AFFAIRS
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
(or immediately following the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety’s
performance oversight hearing, whichever is later)**

**Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, January 23, 2020, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement, will convene a joint public hearing to consider Bill 23-0443, the “Moving the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs Amendment Act of 2019”. The hearing will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 2:30 p.m., or immediately following the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety’s performance oversight hearing, whichever is later.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-0443, the “Moving the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs Amendment Act of 2019”, is to amend the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006 to make the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs a cluster agency under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, and to require the advice and consent of the Council in the appointment of a Chairperson for the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs; and to amend the

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Establishment Act of 2011 to make conforming changes.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, January 20**. 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.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety of the need as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received in fewer than five business days may not be fulfilled, and alternatives may be offered.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on Thursday, February 6.**