

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

REVISED

COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE

on

B23-0509, the “Local Rent Application Voucher Amendment Act of 2019”

and

B23-0528, the “Rental Housing Source of Income Amendment Act of 2019”

Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 11:00 AM
John A. Wilson Building, Room 120
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, will hold a public hearing on Bill 23-0509, the “Local Rent Application Voucher Amendment Act of 2019” and Bill 23-0528, the “Rental Housing Source of Income Amendment Act of 2019”. The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 11:00 a.m. *This notice has been revised to reflect a change in the date and location due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict.*

The purpose of Bill 23-0509, the “Local Rent Application Voucher Amendment Act of 2019” is to provide prospective renters in the District who qualify for the Housing Choice Voucher Program with funds to submit up to 5 rental applications with accompanying background and credit checks.

The purpose of Bill 23-0528, the “Rental Housing Source of Income Amendment Act of 2019” is to establish that rental housing assistance provided by the District government to an owner of a housing accommodation shall be considered the income of the tenant for the purposes of any minimum income qualification for rental of a dwelling unit. Among other things, the bill prohibits owners from denying housing to a person because the person’s payment is in whole or in part through a voucher for rental housing assistance.

Those who wish to testify are requested to telephone the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, at (202) 724-8198, or email housing@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any), by close of business on February 19, 2020. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged to **submit 15 copies of written testimony**. Oral testimony will be limited to 3 minutes.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite G6, Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2020.