

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 23-233, Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2019**

**Bill 23-234, Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols  
Establishment Act of 2019**

on

**Thursday, January 16, 2020, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 23-233, the "Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2019" and Bill 23-234, the "Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act of 2019." The hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of **Bill 23-233** is to amend the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 to include the Council as among those that may sponsor a commemorative work on public space, and to require the Commemorative Works Committee to commission specified works that honor persons who have made significant contributions to American culture or history, to have at least one such commemorative work erected in each Ward by a date certain, and to develop a written plan to achieve the purposes of this act, and to require the Mayor to submit the plan to the Council for its approval. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-234** is to establish an advisory commission to study monuments, markers, and symbols throughout the District to assess their cultural and historical appropriateness.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us), or call Evan Cash at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on January 14, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council's office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>, 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2020.