

**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 23-399, O Street Wall Protection Act of 2019**

on

**Thursday, January 23, 2020, 11:30 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 23-399, the "O Street Wall Protection Act of 2019." The hearing will be held at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.**

The stated purpose of **Bill 23-399** is to require the Mayor to prohibit activities that may compromise the retaining wall commonly known as the O Street Wall, or that contribute to soil erosion and sedimentation in Square S-5542. In addition, the bill requires the Mayor to acquire by purchase or condemnation the remaining unimproved lots adjacent to O Street, S.E. between Branch Avenue and Carpenter Street, S.E.

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 21, 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 21, 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 February 6, 2020.