

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Bill 23-302, Little Brown Bat Official State Mammal Designation Act of 2019

on

**Monday, January 27, 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 23-317, the "Little Brown Bat Official State Mammal Designation Act of 2019." The hearing will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020 in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-317 is to designate the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) as the official state mammal of the District of Columbia. This proposed designation was recommended by the Girl Scouts of the Capitol Hill Cluster School, troops 44046, 44047, and 44051, who studied Little Brown Bats and proposed that the Council adopt the bats as the official state mammal of the District of Columbia.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at 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 Thursday, January 23, 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 23, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to three minutes unless longer time is arranged with the Committee in advance of the hearing. 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 10, 2020.