

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

**COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE**

on

Bill 23-0601, the "Condominium Warranty Amendment Act of 2020"

Bill 23-0623, the "Condominium Warranty Claims Clarification Amendment Act of 2020"

Bill 23-0568, the "Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act of 2019"

and

Bill 23-0530, the "Rent Stabilization Affordability Qualification Amendment Act of 2019"

Friday, March 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
John A. Wilson Building, Room 123
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, will hold a public hearing on B23-0601, B23-0623, B23-0568, and B23-0530. The hearing will take place in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of Bill 23-0601, the "Condominium Warranty Amendment Act of 2020", is to clarify the administration of the condominium warranty against structural defects in a new or renovated condominium and to transfer the administration of the warranty back to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

The purpose of Bill 23-0623, the "Condominium Warranty Claims Clarification Amendment Act of 2020", is to clarify terminology and the requirements for when warranty claims are ready for referral to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). The legislation further expedites the warranty claims procedural processes to speedily place cases before OAH.

The purpose of Bill 23-0568, the "Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act of 2019", is to increase the maximum and minimum amounts of home purchase down payment assistance to \$100,000 and \$30,000, respectively. The bill establishes a home repair grant of a maximum of \$15,000 and also removes certain funding limitations for 203K renovation loans.

The purpose of Bill 23-0530, the "Rent Stabilization Affordability Qualification Amendment Act of 2019", is to set income eligibility standards for renting a rent stabilized apartment. Under the bill, a unit under the Rent Stabilization Program may only be rented to a tenant with a monthly adjusted gross income less than 5 times the monthly rent charged for the unit.

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 Thursday, March 26, 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 business days before the proceeding. The Committee 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.

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 or email housing@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020.