Council of the District of Columbia COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. McDuffie, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

PR23-0661 - THE "WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL REVENUE BONDS PROJECT APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2020"; AND

PR23-0687 - THE "VITAL VOICES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP, INC., REVENUE BONDS PROJECT APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2020"

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Room 120, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public roundtable in the matter of Proposed Resolution 23-0661, the "Washington Latin Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2020"; and Proposed Resolution 23-0637, the "Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc., Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2020".

The stated purpose of PR23-0661, the "Washington Latin Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2020" is to authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery of District of Columbia revenue bonds, in one or more series, and in an aggregate principal amount not the exceed \$15,500,000, and to authorize and provide for the loan of proceeds of such bonds to Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc. Such authorized loan will be used assist The Corporation of the Washington Latin School – A Public Charter School (WLPCS), in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project. WLPCS is a liberal arts college preparatory school serving grades 5-12. The authorized loan will be used to refinance certain indebtedness, the proceeds of which were used to acquire, finance, or refinance the costs of leasehold improvements to WLPCS's facility located at 5200 2nd Street N.W.

The stated purpose of PR23-0687, the "Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc., Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2020" is to authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery of District of Columbia revenue bonds, in one or more series, and in an aggregate principal

amount not the exceed \$28,000,000, and to authorize and provide for the loan of proceeds of such bonds to Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc. Such authorized loan will be used assist Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc. in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project. Vital Voices Global Partnership, Inc. is an international nonprofit organization headquartered in the District, which works to support and invest in women leaders in the areas of economic empowerment, political participation, human rights, and ending gender-based violence. The authorized project is the acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of a building located at 1509 16th Street, N.W. and the adjoining parcel of real property located at 1522-1526 Church Street, N.W. The building located on 16th Street, N.W. will serve as the organization's new administrative headquarters and the adjoining parcel of real property located on Church Street, N.W. will be used for parking for the headquarters building.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact the Committee on Business and Economic Development via email at jroberts@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8053, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by close of business Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or will require sign language interpretation, should inform the Committee as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill the timely request, however, in the event that the request is received in less than five (5) business days, the request may not be granted and an alternative maybe offered.

In addition, representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring <u>five single-sided copies</u> of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to <u>iroberts@dccouncil.us</u>. For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Business and Economic Development at <u>iroberts@dccouncil.us</u> or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. <u>The record will close at the end of the business day on Wednesday</u>, February 26, 2020.

¹ About Us, VITAL VOICES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP, https://www.vitalvoices.org/who-we-are/ (last visited Feb. 11, 2020).