

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON THE MATTER OF

**BILL 23-0320, THE “SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OVERSIGHT
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

AND

BILL 23-0501, THE “SANCTUARY VALUES AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”

**Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public oversight roundtable on the matter of Bill 23-0320, the “Special Police Officer Oversight Amendment Act of 2019”, and Bill 23-0501, the “Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2019”. The roundtable will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m. The Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety previously filed a public hearing notice for these matters, but the hearing notice failed to appear in the *D.C. Register*. The Committee is therefore holding this topical roundtable on the subject of the two bills.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-0320 is to amend the Office of Citizen Complaint Review Establishment Act of 1998 to require the Office of Police Complaints (“OPC”) to make recommendations to the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”) and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) regarding the incidence of police misconduct, to require that OPC review data related to complaints, subject officer and complainant demographics, recommended and imposed discipline, uses of force, and in-custody deaths for DCHA, DCRA, and special police officers, to prevent the disclosure of information received OPC from DCHA and DCRA, to require that OPC deliver an annual report that analyzes information related to DCHA and DCRA beginning December 31, 2021, to disallow current or former employees of DCHA and DCRA from serving as complaint investigators or carrying out mediation and

complaint determination functions, to authorize OPC to receive, investigate, and mediate complaints against special police officers and recommend discipline to the designated agency principal, to require that DCHA and DCRA transfer citizen complaints to the Office of Police Complaints within 3 business days, to allow the Executive Director of OPC to initiate his or her own complaint based on observed abuse or misuse of police powers, to require that the Executive Director of OPC give notice to the designated agency principal that a matter has been referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office, to require that employees of DCHA and DCRA cooperate with OPC and to prohibit retaliation against complainants, to establish a process by which the designated agency principal reviews a merits determination from OPC and disciplines the subject officer, and to clarify a designated agency principal's authority to implement discipline before and after receipt of a complaint.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-0501 is to amend An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia to limit the District's cooperation with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, March 9**. 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 should bring **twenty copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

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 roundtable. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received in fewer than five business days may not be fulfilled, and alternatives may be offered.

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 at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on Thursday, April 9.**