

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

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

AND

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON

B23-0777, THE “NEW HOSPITAL AT ST. ELIZABETHS ACT OF 2020”

AND

**B23-0778, THE “NEW HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND REDEVELOPMENT TAX
ABATEMENT ACT OF 2020”**

Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Remote Hearing via WebEx

Broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13

Streamed live at www.dccouncil.us and entertainment.dc.gov.

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, and Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, announce a Joint Public Hearing on Bill 23-0777, the “New Hospital at St. Elizabeths Act of 2020” and Bill 23-0778, the “New Howard University Hospital and Redevelopment Tax Abatement Act of 2020”. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Webex.

Bill 23-0777 approves a contract in excess of \$1 million for the construction of a new hospital at St. Elizabeths; authorizes the Mayor to dispose of the hospital and the real property on which the hospital will be located; approves a multiyear contract and contract in excess of \$1 million for the operation of the hospital; establishes a special fund as a startup reserve for the hospital; and establishes an uncompensated care requirement for the hospital. This legislation establishes the framework for approving the construction of the facilities that will create a comprehensive health care system.

Bill 23-0778 amends Chapter 46 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide an abatement of real property taxes for property known for tax and assessment purposes as Lots 829, 830, and 831 in Square 3065, Lot 11 in Square 3074, Lot 807 in Square 3075, Lot 52 in Square 3072, and Lot 73 in Square 3080. The tax abatement is conditioned, in part, on Howard

University constructing a new, state-of-the-art, full-service, teaching and research hospital on or adjacent to the Georgia Avenue, N.W., campus of Howard University with a level 1 trauma center and an academic affiliation with the Howard College of Medicine and its graduate medical education program.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health by e-mail at mcameron@dccouncil.us or by phone at (202) 341-4425 by before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020. You may also send an e-mail indicating that you wish to view the hearing in Webex, but that you do not intend to provide oral testimony. When sending an e-mail or leaving a voicemail, please provide Mr. Cameron with the following information:

- Your first and last name,
- The name of the organization you are representing (if any),
- Your title with the organization,
- Your e-mail address,
- Your phone number, and
- The bill or bills you will be speaking about.

Mr. Cameron will e-mail a confirmation of your attendance with an agenda, witness list, and attached instructions for accessing the Webex video conference hearing by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020. If you do not receive a confirmation of your attendance, please contact Mr. Cameron by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify. Due to technological limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the first nine hours of the hearing will be broadcasted, however, the Webex hearing will continue until all witnesses who have signed up have had an opportunity to testify.

Persons wishing to provide written testimony should e-mail their written testimony to Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health at mcameron@dccouncil.us and D. Justin Roberts, Committee Director of the Committee on Business and Economic Development at jroberts@dccouncil.us before 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Any testimony provided after this time will not be made part of the hearing record. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. The Committees also welcome e-mails commenting on the proposed legislation, however, this correspondence is not included in the official Committee report if it is not labeled as testimony.