

**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 PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 23-736, the “Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2020”

on

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of Whole on Bill 23-736, the “Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2020.” The hearing will be held beginning on **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to receive testimony.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-736, which was introduced on April 23, 2020 at the request of Mayor Muriel Bowser, is to amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Act of 1984 to modify Chapters 1 and 3-25, including the Future Land Use Map and the Generalized Policy Map. The Council previously adopted changes to Chapter 2, the Framework Element, which has been submitted separately by the Administration.

The Comprehensive Plan is a high-level guide for future growth and development, used to inform public decision-making including more detailed planning efforts, zoning regulations and capital budgeting. It addresses a wide range of topics that affect how we experience the city, including land use, economic development, housing, environmental protection, historic preservation, transportation, as well as chapters discussing ten planning areas District-wide. The existing Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2006 and amended in 2011. The Office of Planning anticipates it will conduct a full rewrite the next time the Comprehensive Plan is revisited. These currently proposed amendments reflect updated data and analyses, incorporate information from District agency plans, studies, and actions, and address the current challenges of housing, equity, resilience and public resources, as well as the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Office of Planning initiated public engagement in 2016 and has provided various opportunities for public comment. Formal public review of the proposed amendments was conducted in late 2019 and early 2020, with OP providing responses to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conferencing technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony from the public regarding is **highly encouraged** and will be taken by email or voice mail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voice mail (up to 3 minutes) – **which will be transcribed** – by calling (202) 430-6948.

Testimony received by close of business on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020** will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/CompPlan> prior to the hearing.

Members of the public wishing to testify live via the Zoom meeting must register with the Committee of the Whole at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/CompPlan>, click the link labeled “Sign up to Testify Live,” and complete the form by providing your preferred call in day, name, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020**. If you are unable to complete the form online, please contact the Committee of the Whole at cw@dccouncil.us. The Committee will provide each witness a copy of the witness list and procedures to testify at the hearing by close of business on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. **Those providing live testimony will be limited to 3 minutes** unless a longer time is agreed to by prior arrangement. Only 1 member from each organization may provide live testimony. All testimony received via email or voicemail will be made part of the official record.

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, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2020.