

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND PROCUREMENT**  
ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**B23-0665, the “Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020”**

**and**

**B23-0661, the “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”**

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 12:00 PM

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast  
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.us](http://www.dccouncil.us))

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On Wednesday, September 30, 2020, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement will hold a Public Hearing on B23-0665, the “Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020” and B23-0661, the “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”. The public hearing will take place via the Zoom web conferencing platform at 12:00 PM. Members of the public will be able to view the public hearing on cable television on Council Channel 13 or online at: <https://dccouncil.us/council-videos/> or at: [entertainment.dc.gov](http://entertainment.dc.gov).

B23-0665, the “Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020”, was introduced on February 18, 2020 by Councilmembers Robert C. White Jr., Nadeau, Gray, Cheh, Bonds, and Allen. The bill was referred to the Committee on Facilities and Procurement with comments from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment and the Committee on Recreation and Youth Affairs. The stated purpose of the legislation is to conduct assessments of environmental conditions, to identify and mitigate environmental hazards that impact human health in all District-owned buildings that are occupied during demolition, excavation, substantial renovation, and construction activities, to require the Department of General Services to develop publicly-available protocols for these assessments, and to require the Department to publish plans for remediation where an environmental hazard is identified and conduct community engagement. The legislation is also intended to require the Department to conduct community engagement and outreach regarding synthetic material removal and replacement, to test all District-owned and maintained playground surfaces for lead, and to conduct a thorough analysis of all playground surface materials currently or potentially available to ensure their safety and durability.

B23-0661, the “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”, was introduced by Councilmember Mary M. Cheh on February 13, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on

Facilities and Procurement on February 18, 2020. The stated purpose of the legislation is to require the Department of General Services to provide the Council with an annual account of green space owned or leased by the District, and to require DGS to include the square footage of green space at a real property in surplus resolutions transmitted to the Council.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up in advance by contacting the Committee by e-mail at [facilities@dccouncil.us](mailto:facilities@dccouncil.us) or by phone at (202) 741-8593, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by **the close of business on Monday, September 28, 2020.** Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to [facilities@dccouncil.us](mailto:facilities@dccouncil.us). Public witnesses will participate remotely and using audio only. The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of four minutes to testify, while Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will be permitted five minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced due to schedule constraints.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee on Facilities and Procurement of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

The Committee encourages the public to submit written testimony to be included for the public record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted by e-mail to [facilities@dccouncil.us](mailto:facilities@dccouncil.us). **The record for this public hearing will close at the close of business on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.**