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CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

Unemployment Insurance Programs in the District During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Virtual roundtable via Zoom Broadcast on DC Cable Channel 13 and online at www.dccouncil.us

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, announces a public oversight roundtable before the Committee on the District's unemployment compensation program. The roundtable will consider the challenges District workers continue to face in applying for unemployment insurance benefits under expanded programs available during the COVID-19 pandemic. This notice has been revised to reflect the addition of a second date, December 16, 2020, when the Department of Employment Services (DOES) is expected to testify.

Witnesses may use their phone or computer to participate in this virtual roundtable. Those who wish to testify <u>must</u> sign up no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020, by providing their information using the following link: <u>https://forms.gle/NLW2GGfgtfmVQxLs6.</u> Witnesses must provide their name, email address, telephone number, organizational affiliation (if any), and job title (if any), as well whether they require language interpretation or sign language interpretation. Witnesses who require language interpretation or sign language interpretation are asked to complete the form linked above or email the Labor Committee at <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u> as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, stating their need for interpretation and requested language. The Council's Office of the Secretary will fulfill timely requests for language interpretation services; however, requests received later than December 2 may not be able to be fulfilled due to vendor availability.

On Tuesday, December 8, the Committee will email witnesses who signed up by 12:00 pm in order to provide them with details about how to participate in the roundtable via the Zoom platform. Only witnesses who have signed up by the Monday, December 7, 5:00 pm deadline will be permitted to participate. Those planning to testify are encouraged to submit an electronic copy of written testimony by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8 so that staff may distribute testimonies to Committee members and staff before the hearing.

If anyone is unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u>. Additionally, the public may provide testimony by voice mail by calling (202) 455-0153, stating and spelling the witness's name, stating any organizational affiliation, and speaking slowly to

provide a statement to be transcribed and included in the record. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.