

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

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**COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON**  
**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON**  
**RENTAL ASSISTANCE & EVICTION PREVENTION**

**Monday, February 22, 2021, 3 p.m.**  
**Virtual Roundtable via Zoom**

**Broadcast live on Channel 13 and**  
**Streamed live at [www.dccouncil.us](http://www.dccouncil.us), [www.entertainment.dc.gov](http://www.entertainment.dc.gov), and**  
**<https://www.brianneknadeau.com/committee>**

On Monday, February 22, 2021, Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, will convene a public oversight roundtable on “Rental Assistance and the District’s Eviction Prevention Strategies.” The roundtable will be held virtually via the Zoom platform beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Since the Mayor declared a public health emergency in March of 2020, the District along with the rest of the country has experienced substantial job loss, putting thousands of individuals and families on the brink of economic disaster and at risk of eviction and homelessness. During the pandemic, preventing eviction, displacement, and homelessness reduce the spread of coronavirus. To delay and lessen the impact of an eviction and homelessness crisis, the District has utilized a number of strategies including implementing eviction moratoria; enhancing funding and revising regulations for existing programs like the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); and establishing new programs like the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP), Housing Stabilization Grants, and the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA). Additionally, the District has received and expects to receive more novel funding streams from the federal government to address this grave issue.

On January 29, 2021, Mayor Bowser issued Order 2020-129 to establish the “Saving DC’s Rental Housing Market Strike Force,” an advisory group tasked with examining the District’s preparedness to anticipate changes to the District’s rental housing market. The many topics that the Strike Force will be investigating and providing recommendations to the Mayor about include rental assistance programs and immediate eviction issues. The Strike Force, however, has a large agenda and a limited timeline for completing its vital work.

The purpose of the Committee's roundtable is to support the administration and the Strike Force in gathering a diversity of perspectives to enable timely decision-making about the role of emergency rental assistance in addressing the impending eviction crisis. The roundtable will examine rental assistance programs offered to tenants or landlords during the public health emergency, explore the capacity of District agencies and existing service providers to deploy new funds rapidly and effectively, identify the tools/programs that would need to be created or adapted, and collect information from a variety of rental stakeholder about the best use of the expected infusion of federal funds for the current circumstances.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should complete the witness form at <https://www.briannknadeau.com/testify> or call the Committee on Human Services at 202-724-8170, by **close of business on Friday, February 19, 2021.**

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or requiring sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Human Services Committee office 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.

All witness will be allowed a maximum of three minutes for oral testimony and only one witness per organization will be permitted to testify. Witnesses are encouraged to submit a copy of their testimony electronically to [humanservices@dccouncil.us](mailto:humanservices@dccouncil.us) in advance of the roundtable.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee at [humanservices@dccouncil.us](mailto:humanservices@dccouncil.us) or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. Additionally, voicemail testimony can be provided for the record by calling the Committee's unique voicemail number – 202-350-1927. At the beginning of the message please state and spell your name clearly, provide the name of the organization you are representing and title (if any), the topic of your testimony, and then begin your testimony.

**The record will close for all forms of testimony at the end of the business day on Monday, March 1, 2021.**