

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

on

B24-0215, the “Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2021”

and

B24-0229, the “Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2021”

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 1:00 PM

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJZbHhKFbnyGeQclJxQk0g/live>

On Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities, will hold a public hearing on B24-0215, the “Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2021” and B24-0229, the “Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2021”. The public hearing will take place via the Zoom web conferencing platform at 1:00 PM. Members of the public will be able to view the public hearing on Council Channel 13, the DC Council website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJZbHhKFbnyGeQclJxQk0g/live>.

The stated purpose of B24-0215, the “Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2021” is to require District Government agencies to collect data regarding the volumes of sexual harassment complaints that their employees raise and regarding the outcomes of such complaints, and to require the Office of Human Rights to compile and submit an annual report to the Council and Office of the Attorney General regarding the data collected.

The stated purpose of B24-0229, the “Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2021” is to amend the Human Rights Act of 1977 to protect individuals experiencing homelessness from discrimination, to provide training for law enforcement personnel on the impact of enforcement decisions on people experiencing homelessness and the protections against discrimination in this act, to prohibit employment discrimination against contractors, and to clarify and enhance protections against workplace harassment.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up at <https://forms.gle/UrkJAKXjGWaPaQuD8> 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, October 4th, 2021**. Witnesses are encouraged, but

not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to facilities@dccouncil.us. Witnesses will participate remotely via Zoom. The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony in advance of the proceeding.

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.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee 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 also 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. **The record for this public roundtable will close at the close of business on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021.**