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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Climate Resilience Planning in the District and
B24-410, the Flood Resilience Amendment Act of 2021**

Friday, December 17, 2021, at 9:00 AM

On Friday, December 17, 2021, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and Kenyan McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a joint public hearing on Climate Resilience Planning in the District and B24-410, the Flood Resilience Amendment Act of 2021. The hearing will begin at 9:00 AM and be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at www.dccouncil.us, facebook.com/cmmarycheh, and entertainment.dc.gov.

The purpose of this hearing is to learn more about efforts underway to prepare the District for and, where possible, mitigate the effects of climate change, including plans for future climate resiliency initiatives, and to solicit testimony from climate and resiliency experts on how the District might expand or enhance its current resilience plans. At the hearing, the Committees will hear testimony from several of the agencies responsible for the District's resilience planning, including the Department of Energy and Environment, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, and the Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency. The Committees will also hear testimony on B24-410, the Flood Resilience Amendment Act of 2021, which would authorize DOEE to designate certain areas as flood hazard locations and, consequently, require flood insurance as a condition of occupancy for new or substantially improved buildings in those locations.

Due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of the coronavirus, the Council has adapted the methods by which committees may hold public hearings and hearings to comply with social distancing, large public gatherings, and other public health and safety requirements. Therefore, this public hearing will be held remotely through the Zoom teleconferencing platform.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing at (202) 724-8062 or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us; witnesses will receive information on how to join the hearing at that time. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or requiring sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the hearing, which is December 10, 2021. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record; testimony may be submitted to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. The public may also leave voicemail testimony for the Committees by calling (202) 350-1344, which will be transcribed and made part of the hearing record. Members of the public leaving voicemail testimony should speak slowly and clearly, state their full name and the organization they represent, if any, and note the bill, hearing, or agency that they are submitting testimony on. Members of the public are asked to not provide an e-mail, phone number, or other personal contact information in voicemail testimony.

The record will close at the end of the business day on December 31, 2021.

This notice was revised and abbreviated to note that the hearing will begin at 9:00am.