

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**

on

**Vacant and Blighted Properties in the District of Columbia**

on

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
(or immediately following the preceding roundtable)**

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast  
Chairman's website ([www.ChairmanMendelson.com/Live](http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/Live))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight roundtable before the Committee of the Whole on vacant and blighted properties in the District of Columbia. The roundtable will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (or immediately following the preceding roundtable) via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.**

Research consistently shows that vacant and blighted properties have myriad negative effects on the surrounding area, including reductions in the value of nearby homes and increases in crime. Current data from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) suggests that there are nearly 3,400 vacant and blighted properties in the District, many of which have been vacant or blighted for years. The purpose of this roundtable is to receive testimony from invited witnesses and question DCRA on their enforcement of the District's vacant and blighted building law. **The roundtable is limited to invited witnesses only.**

The roundtable will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. While the witness list will be limited to invited witnesses only, residents who wish to provide testimony are encouraged to do so by submitting written statements to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us) in advance of the roundtable. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony>. If you are unable to provide a statement in advance of the roundtable, statements for the record may be submitted to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us) or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.