

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. McDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING ON

**PR24-0555, THE “LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL REVENUE BONDS
PROJECT APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2022”**

**B24-0466, THE “ST. ELIZABETHS EAST PARCEL 13 SURPLUS DECLARATION AND
DISPOSITION APPROVAL ACT OF 2021”**

B24-0452, THE “SQUARE 5539 TAX ABATEMENT ACT OF 2021”

**B24-0453, THE “AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, INC. TAX ABATEMENT
ACT OF 2021”**

**B24-0579, THE “900 55TH STREET NE AND 2327-2341 SKYLAND TERRACE SE
DC HABITAT REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION OF 2021”**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Noon
Remote Hearing via Virtual Platform
Streamed live at <https://www.kenyanmcduffieward5.com/live>

On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing to consider the following five measures:

1. Proposed Resolution 24-0555, the “Lee Montessori Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2022”
2. Bill 24-0466, the “St. Elizabeths East Parcel 13 Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Act of 2021”
3. Bill 24-0452, the “Square 5539 Tax Abatement Act of 2021”
4. Bill 24-0453, the “Affordable Housing Opportunities, Inc. Tax Abatement Act of 2021”
5. Bill 24-0579, the “900 55th Street NE and 2327-2341 Skyland Terrace SE DC Habitat Real Property Tax Exemption Extension of 2021”

Proposed Resolution 24-0555, the “Lee Montessori Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2022”, would authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25 million. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance, refinance, or reimburse costs incurred by Lee Montessori Public Charter School for the acquisition, renovations, and equipping of a new elementary school located at 2345 R Street, SE along with the associated property at 2403 Naylor Road, SE.

Bill 24-0466, the “St. Elizabeths East Parcel 13 Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Act of 2021” would declare as surplus and approve the disposition of District-owned real property known as St. Elizabeths East Parcel 13, located at 1100 Alabama Avenue, SE.

Bill 24-0452, the “Square 5539 Tax Abatement Act of 2021” would provide a real property tax abatement to a forthcoming Class A residential building in Lots 835 and 840 of Square 5539. The development is slated to create approximately 188 units of mixed-income housing in the Penn Branch/Hillcrest neighborhoods of Ward 7.

Bill 24-0453, the “Affordable Housing Opportunities, Inc. Tax Abatement Act of 2021” would exempt and forgive property recordation and transfer taxes for property located at 4430 Benning Road, NE in Ward 7, which is controlled by Affordable Housing Opportunities, Inc. The site houses 202 units of supportive housing, an employment training center, and a community health center.

Bill 24-0579, the “900 55th Street NE and 2327-2341 Skyland Terrace SE DC Habitat Real Property Tax Exemption Extension of 2021” would provide an extension of the real property tax exemption, exemption of interest, penalties, and fees for two properties in Ward 7 owned by Habitat for Humanity to assist with the organization’s development of 25 affordable homes.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must register in advance by utilizing the following link: https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pIzvtkEuRm2TFljZD3rnZA by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022**. Witnesses are encouraged to submit their testimony in writing in advance of the hearing to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced or extended.

The Committees 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 BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us. To be included in the record, please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. **The record for this hearing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23.**

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please email BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us of the need as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill

timely requests. However, requests received less than five (5) business days prior to the hearing may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Please contact BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us for additional information.