

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON**  
**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**B24-0515, the “Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Amendment Act of 2021”**

**and**

**B24-0561, the “Homeland Security Fusion Center and Law Enforcement Authority Amendment Act of 2021”**

**Monday, March 14, 2022, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Hearing via Zoom**

**To Watch Live:**

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On Monday, March 14, 2022, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public hearing to consider Bill 24-0515, the “Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Amendment Act of 2021”, and Bill 24-0561, the “Homeland Security Fusion Center and Law Enforcement Authority Amendment Act of 2021.” The hearing will be conducted virtually via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to no later than 12:30 p.m.

The stated purpose of B24-0515, the “Law Enforcement Career Opportunities for District Residents Expansion Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend the Police Officer and Firefighter Cadet Programs Funding Authorization and Human Rights Act of 1977 Amendment Act of 1982 to remove the requirement that cadets graduate from District of Columbia high schools in order to qualify for the Metropolitan Police Department’s cadet program.

The stated purpose of B24-0561, the “Homeland Security Fusion Center and Law Enforcement Authority Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend An Act to authorize the District of Columbia government to establish an Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes, to formalize the establishment of the District’s intelligence fusion center within the Homeland Security and

Emergency Management Agency, to set forth the primary mission of the fusion center, and to designate the fusion center as a law enforcement unit for the purpose of carrying out its mission.

The Committee invites the public to provide oral and/or written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide oral testimony at the Committee's hearing must thoroughly review the following instructions:

- Anyone wishing to provide oral testimony must email the Committee at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) with their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by the **close of business on Monday, March 7, 2022.**
- The Committee will approve witnesses' registrations based on the total time allotted for public testimony. The Committee will also determine the order of witnesses' testimony.
- Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals (and any subsequent representatives of the same organizations) will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.
- Witnesses are not permitted to yield their time to, or substitute their testimony for, the testimony of another individual or organization.
- If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us).
- Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation are requested to inform the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the hearing may not be fulfilled.

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 emailed to the Committee at [judiciary@dccouncil.us](mailto:judiciary@dccouncil.us) **no later than the close of business on Friday, March 25, 2022.**