

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**BUDGET OVERSIGHT HEARINGS
SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Council invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony.

Voicemail Testimony: Some committees use a unique voicemail number to accept testimony. The voicemail program automatically limits each message to three minutes. At the beginning of the message, please state and spell your name clearly, provide the name of the organization you are representing and title (if any), and then begin your testimony. The voicemail generates an automated transcript of the message, which will be included as written testimony in the committee hearing record.

Virtual Meeting Platform: Each committee will use either Zoom or WebEx to conduct its hearings. Specific instructions on how each hearing will be conducted is described below. Some hearings will be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at www.dccouncil.gov and entertainment.dc.gov, while others will be streamed live at the link provided. Each hearing in the notice will include the appropriate link to view the hearing live.

Interpretation: Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation or require closed captioning are requested to inform the committee conducting the hearing of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The committee 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.

All testimony received by each stated deadline will be a part of the official hearing record.

Committee of the Whole

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to cow@dccouncil.gov 24 hours before the hearing.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 430-6948.
- Testimony received prior to the hearing can be accessed at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testimony>. Any prehearing responses from agencies can also be accessed at that website.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close at 5pm two weeks after the date of the hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5pm on the second business day before the hearing date.
- Those who have registered at that website will receive an email after 5pm on the second business day before the hearing with instructions on obtaining their Zoom link.
- Find the most up-to-date witness list for hearings at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testimony>.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live>.
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Committee on Business and Economic Development

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.gov. To be included in the record, please indicate the agency for which the testimony is being submitted in the subject line of the email.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 656-5139.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close at 5pm on the 2nd business day after the hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Register to testify by contacting the Committee at BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.gov by 5pm on the second to last business day before the hearing. Please provide your name, phone number or e-mail address, organizational affiliation (if any), title (if any), and preferred gender pronouns.
- Witnesses are strongly encouraged to submit written testimony in advance of the hearing to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.gov.
- Public witnesses will participate remotely and receive three minutes for testimony.
- The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at www.dccouncil.gov, <https://kenyanmcduffiedc.com/live-events/>, or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbFwXXcbCuQk3-zlwqe97mA/streams>.

Committee on Executive Administration & Labor

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Email a PDF or word document to ceal@dccouncil.gov.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 350-0894 and leave a 3-minute voicemail.
- All testimony received will be made part of the official record.
- Hearing Record: One week following each Public Oversight Hearing.

Testifying Live:

- To sign up to testify, members of the public should email ceal@dccouncil.gov or call (202) 724-8198 no later than two business days before the hearing.
- Witnesses will receive a link to the Zoom hearing at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
- If a witness is unable to testify via Zoom, they may testify by phone.
 - To do this, witnesses should alert the Committee to this as early as possible, providing their name and number and the witness will receive a phone call before they are up to testify.
- All witnesses testifying on behalf of an organization will be given 5 minutes to testify, individual public witnesses will be given 3 minutes to testify.

Viewing Hearings:

- Hearings can be viewed live on Cable Channel 13 (Unless otherwise indicated), D.C. Council Website (Unless otherwise indicated), Zoom, or YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgy5EojaMYGtwicWSfg9NeA>

Committee on Facilities & Family Services

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: The Committee 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.gov.
- All testimony received will be made part of the official record.
- Hearing Record: The record for each oversight hearing will close five business days following the conclusion of each respective hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Anyone wishing to testify must sign up in advance by at signing up with the appropriate link from CM Lewis George's website here: www.janeeseward4.com/testify or by phone at 202-350-1396, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business two business days before each respective hearing.
- Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to facilities@dccouncil.gov.
- The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.
- All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three 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 due to schedule constraints.
- 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.

Viewing Hearings:

- Hearings can be viewed live at www.janeeseward4.com/live.

Testimonio por escrito:

- Testimonio por escrito: El Comité alienta al público a presentar testimonio por escrito para ser incluido en el registro público. Por favor envíe copia del testimonio por correo electrónico a facilities@dccouncil.gov.
- Todo testimonio recibido formará parte del acta oficial.
- Expediente de Audiencia: El expediente de cada audiencia de supervisión se cerrará cinco días hábiles siguientes a la conclusión de cada audiencia pública.

Testimonio en vivo:

- Cualquier persona que desee testificar debe registrarse con anticipación a través de el enlace apropiado en la página web www.janeeseward4.com/testify o por teléfono al 202-350-1396. Por favor provea su nombre, número de teléfono o correo electrónico, afiliación organizacional y título (si corresponde) dos días hábiles antes de cada audiencia respectiva.
- Se le proporciona a los testigos, pero no se les exige, a que presenten su testimonio por escrito electrónicamente con anticipación a facilities@dccouncil.gov.
- El Comité dará seguimiento a los testigos con instrucciones adicionales sobre cómo brindar testimonio a través de una plataforma de conferencias web.
- A todos los testigos públicos se les permitirá un máximo de tres minutos para testificar, mientras que los Comisionados (ANC) tendrán cinco minutos para testificar. A discreción de la Consejal, el tiempo previsto para el testimonio oral puede reducirse debido a limitaciones de horario.
- Testigos que anticipen la necesidad de interpretación de idioma, o requieran interpretación de lenguaje de señas, deben informar al Comité de la necesidad tan pronto como sea posible, pero a

más tardar cinco (5) días hábiles antes del procedimiento. Haremos todo lo posible para cumplir con las solicitudes; sin embargo, las solicitudes recibidas en menos de cinco (5) días hábiles tal vez no serán posibles y se alternativas serán ofrecidas.

Visualización de audiencias:

- Las audiencias se pueden ver en vivo en www.janeeseward4.com/live.

Committee on Health

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to astrange@dccouncil.gov 24 hours before the hearing.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close at 5pm two weeks (10 business days) after the date of the hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Register at <https://bit.ly/HealthHearings> by 5pm two business days before the hearing date.
- Those who have registered at that website will receive an email one business day before the hearing with instructions on obtaining their Zoom link.
- Those representing an organization will have 5 minutes to testify. Those not representing an organization will have 3 minutes to testify

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <https://www.youtube.com/@cmchenderson>, <https://www.christinahendersondc.com/live> or <https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>

Committee on Hospital & Health Equity

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to mcameron@dccouncil.gov with “Testimony” in the subject line.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 350-1828.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close two weeks after the hearing date.

Testifying Live:

- Email: mcameron@dccouncil.gov or call 202-341-4425 by 5pm two business days prior to the hearing and provide your name, organization (if any), email address, device name (if you are using video), phone number, and the specific agency or agencies you wish to discuss.
- The Committee will send a confirmation, hearing link and instructions, and agenda via email by 5:30 pm on the day prior to the hearing.
- Witnesses will be listed in the order they signed up and grouped in panels of 4 by agency.
- Witnesses will be limited to 3 minutes to present their testimony.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLxxgZo-j6S6K6DrxUZUpw/live>.

Committee on Housing

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to housing@dccouncil.gov.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close five business days after the date of the hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Register to testify at <https://forms.gle/UrkJAKXjGWaPaQuD8> or by phone at (202) 727-8270. Please provide your name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business two business days before each hearing.
- Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in advance to housing@dccouncil.gov.
- The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.
- Public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of four minutes to testify, and 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 due to schedule constraints.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJZbHhKFbnyGeQcIJxQk0g/live>.
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Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: Submit via email to judiciary@dccouncil.gov.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 630-7585. Members of the public are asked not to provide personal contact information in voicemail testimony.
- Hearing Record: Each record will close 14 days after the hearing date. The public may review testimony received by the Committee at <https://www.brookepintodc.com/judiciary-and-public-safety>

Testifying Live:

- The Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety's performance oversight and budget oversight hearings will be held remotely through the Zoom teleconferencing platform.
- Register by contacting Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Committee Manager for the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, at least one business day prior to the start of the hearing, at (202) 724-8058 or via e-mail at judiciary@dccouncil.gov. Witnesses will receive information on how to join the hearing at that time.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <https://www.youtube.com/@cmbrookepinto>.
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Committee on Public Works & Operations

Submitting Testimony:

- Written testimony: publicworks@dccouncil.gov
- All testimony received will be made part of the official record.
- Hearing Record: The hearing record will close 1 week after the hearing concludes.

Testifying Live:

- If you would like to sign-up to testify, please complete the witness form at <https://www.brianneknadeau.com/testify> or call the Committee on Public Works and Operations at 202-724-2111, by close of business 3 days before each hearing date.
- Witnesses may participate by phone or online.
- One representative of an organization or ANC receive 5 minutes to testify. Other public witnesses receive 3 minutes.
- The Committee will email additional instructions on how to participate to those who have signed up and will be able to participate live. The virtual hearing will be password protected and witnesses may not share the password.

Viewing Hearings:

- Hearings can be viewed live at <http://www.brianneknadeau.com/live>
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Committee on Recreation, Libraries, and Youth Affairs**Submitting Testimony:**

- Written testimony: Submit via email to rya@dccouncil.gov.
- Voicemail testimony: Call (202) 417-7996.
- Hearing Record: Each record closes two business days after the hearing.

Testifying Live:

- Register at <https://forms.gle/LCKiGtNviZmUTzgN8> or call (202) 417-7996 and provide name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by two business days prior the hearings at the close of the business day.
- The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony in advance of the proceeding.
- Witnesses are strongly encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to rya@dccouncil.gov.
- Public witnesses appearing on their own behalf will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify and public witnesses appearing on behalf of a bona fide organization will have a maximum of five minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <http://www.facebook.com/trayon.white>
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Committee on Transportation and the Environment**Submitting Testimony:**

- Written testimony: Submit via email to cote@dccouncil.gov 24 hours before the hearing. PDFs are preferred.
- Hearing Record: The hearing record for all agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction will close at the close of business on April 14, 2023.

Testifying Live:

- All the Committee's performance oversight hearings will be conducted virtually using the Zoom platform.

- Register via email at cote@dccouncil.gov no later than two business days before a scheduled hearing. Please include your name, telephone number, and organizational affiliation and title (if applicable).
- The Committee will confirm your registration if the time allotted for the hearing permits and provide additional information about accessing the hearing through the Zoom platform.
- Witnesses testifying on behalf of an organization will have five minutes for oral testimony. Witnesses testifying on their own behalf, and the second and any subsequent witnesses testifying on behalf of the same organization, will have three minutes for oral testimony. The Committee may reduce witnesses' time to accommodate additional witnesses but will inform those who have registered if it intends to do so.

Viewing Hearings:

- View live at <https://www.facebook.com/CMcharlesallen/>