

# COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR  
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## Budget Oversight Hearing

on the

## Department of Human Services

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Witness Testimony
  - A. Public Witnesses
    1. Reginald Black, Owner/Housing Advocacy Director, *Rahlowisity/Serve Your City Ward 6 Mutual Aid*
    2. Heather Daye, Public Witness
    3. Joshua Drumming, Policy and Advocacy Fellow, *Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless*
    4. Robert Warren, Director, *PFFC*
    5. Rachele Ellison, Senior Mentor Advisor Fellow, *Miriam's Kitchen/PFFC*
    6. Lynn Amano, Director of Advocacy, *Friendship Place*
    7. Jesse Rabinowitz, Senior Manager for Advocacy and Policy, *Miriam's Kitchen*
    8. Kirsten Williams, *DC Robinhood*
    9. Doug O'Connor, President, *Chinatown East Condominiums HOA*

10. Rev. Vincent DeRosa, Pastor, *St Mary Mother of God Catholic Church*
11. Charlene Flaherty, Director of Policy and Advocacy, *Community of Hope*
12. Nicole Donelan, Student, *American University*
13. Ashley Ruff, *Fort DuPont Civic Association*
14. Dawn Dalton, Executive Director, *DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence*
15. Micaela Deming, Policy Director, *DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence*
16. Rachel White, Senior Youth Policy Analyst, *DC Action*
17. Catherine Crosland, Director for Homeless Outreach Development, *Unity Health Care*
18. Hannah Francis, Food Security and Health Program Coordinator, *DC Action*
19. Michael Rogers, Member, Board of Directors, *Promenade Tenants Association*
20. James Shabazz, Field Organizer, *Organized Vendors for Economic Cooperation (O.V.E.C.)*
21. Ishan Heru, Chief Impact Officer, *Community Connections*
22. Nechama Masliansky, Senior SOME Advisor, *SOME, Inc. (So Others Might Eat)*
23. Marissa Johnson, Public Witness
24. Ananya Bernado, Operations Manager, *Wanda Alston Foundation*
25. Danny Rodas, Deputy Director, *Wanda Alston Foundation*
26. Rebecca Durbahn, Clinical Director, *Wanda Alston Foundation*
27. Eden Arouna, Human Resource Manager, *Wanda Alston Foundation*
28. June Crenshaw, *Wanda Alston Foundation*

29. Sonia Storck, Outreach Coordinator, *Wanda Alston Foundation*
30. Stephanie McClellan, Deputy Director, *DC KinCare Alliance*
31. Nikki Smith, Co-Lead of the Women's Initiative, *PFFC*
32. Danielle Anani, Public Witness
33. Debby Shore, Executive Director and Founder, *Sasha Bruce Youthwork*
34. Misha Pettway, President, *Potomac Gardens Family*
35. Kiara Colon-Torres, Co-Owner, *From Here Realty*
36. Kayla Kelly, Lead Organizer, *Heal Da Homies*
37. Judy Estey, Executive Director, *The Platform of Hope*
38. Makenna Osborn, Policy Attorney, *Children's Law Center*
39. Haley Hoff, Public Witness
40. Linda Brown, Greenleaf Resident
41. Matt Boucher, Senior Staff Attorney in Housing, *Legal Aid Society of DC*
42. Samantha Koshgarian, Supervising Attorney Housing, *Legal Aid Society of DC*
43. Moriah Smith, Manager, Training & Technical Assistance, *District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)*
44. Kandice Louis, Senior Director, Programs, *District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)*
45. Temitope Fagbemi, Director, Training and Technical Assistance, *District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)*
46. Koube Ngaaje, President & CEO, *District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)*
47. Abiola Agoro, Executive Director, *Disturbing Inequity*
48. Daniel del Pielago, Organizer, *Empower DC*

49. Nicole Walter, Supportive Advocacy Team Director, *DC SAFE*
50. Monique Malizia, TANF/POWER Specialist, *DC SAFE*
51. Cynthia Smith, Steering Committee, *Fair Budget Coalition*
52. Kimberly Perry, Executive Director, *DC Action*
53. Adam Maier, Director of Housing Partnerships, *Pathways to Housing*
54. Christy Respress, President/CEO, *Pathways to Housing*
55. Will Doyle, Director of Housing Operations, *Pathways to Housing*
56. Darcell Jamison, Public Witness
57. Jenna Israel, DC Community Organizer, *Jews United for Justice*
58. Charlotte Hovland, Chair of Housing Working Group, *Jews United for Justice*
59. Moshe Pasternak, Volunteer, *Jews United for Justice*
60. Perri Wilson, Legal Clinic Coordinator, *Bread for the City*
61. Lark Yasmin, Public Witness
62. Katharine Landfield, Advocacy Coordinator, *Fair Budget Coalition*
63. Kate Coventry, Deputy Director of Legislative Strategy, *DC Fiscal Policy Institute*
64. Michaela Friedman, Volunteer, *Jews United for Justice*
65. Eliana Fishman, Volunteer, *Jews United for Justice*
66. Robert Harvey, Community Member, *Fair Budget*
67. Kenyatta Smith, Outreach Specialist, *Little Shops of Cool*
68. Lori Leibowitz, Volunteer, *Jews United for Justice*
69. Letroy Murphy, Public Witness

70. Durva Trivedi, Student Attorney, *Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic*
  71. Sam Washington, Public Witness
  72. Sheila White, *Miriam's Kitchen*
  73. Elinor Hart, Chair of the Housing Group, *DC for Democracy*
  74. Kenyatta T. Brunson, President & CEO, *N Street Village*
  75. Sandra Jackson, President & CEO, *House of Ruth*
  76. Wanda Steptoe, Director, *New Endeavors by Women*
  77. Kris Thompson, President & CEO, *Calvary Women's Services*
  78. Emilia Calma, Director of Policy and Research, *DC Policy Center*
  79. Heidi Ellis, Coordinator, *DC LGBTQ+ Budget Coalition*
  80. Gail Oliver, Executive Director, *Damien Ministries Inc.*
  81. Niciah Petrovic Mujahid, *Fair Budget Coalition / Herb and Temple*
  82. Candace Johnson, Public Witness
  83. LaTrell Fitchett, CEO/Owner, *PLWHCC*
  84. Kitty Kohli, Public Witness
  85. Francwa Sims, Public Witness
  86. Chibundo Egwuatu, Advocacy Coordinator, *HIPS*
  87. Martha Assefa, SNAP and WIC Outreach Associate, *D.C. Hunger Solutions*
  88. Cyndee Clay, Executive Director, *HIPS*
- B. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners
89. Yannik Omictin, *ANC 2A01*
  90. Patricia Stamper, *ANC 7C06*
- C. Government Witnesses

91. Laura Zeilinger, Director, *Department of Human Services*

IV. Adjournment