## Council of the District of Columbia COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS

## ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B25-282, "HOUSING SUBSIDY CONTRACT STABILIZATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023"

ON

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Virtual Public Hearing via Zoom

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On **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**, Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and Operations, will convene a public hearing to consider B25-0282, the "Housing Subsidy Contract Stabilization Amendment Act of 2023." The hearing will be held virtually via the Zoom platform beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The stated purpose of **Bill 25-0282** is to add to the list of procurements exempt from competition any Long-Term Subsidy Contract for the Local Rent Supplement Program that preserves existing deeply affordable housing subsidized under the program.

In doing so, the bill aims to address an impending problem for many existing affordable units with LRSP dollars. LRSP was created in 2007, with initial subsidy contract terms of 15 years. Now, as the first batch of LRSP projects reach the end of their initial subsidy period, if financing for additional affordable housing preservation is needed, the contract for existing subsidy would have to be re-solicited, potentially jeopardizing those existing, occupied units.

This competition exemption would not apply to any new or first-time LRSP projects, and does not change any other procurement practice, including required Council reviews and active approval of all multi-year contracts.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council's Hearing Management System at <a href="https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings">https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings</a> by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. 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 who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding by emailing <a href="mailto:publicworks@dccouncil.gov">publicworks@dccouncil.gov</a>. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please email <a href="mailto:publicworks@dccouncil.gov">publicworks@dccouncil.gov</a> or contact Sabrin Qadi, Legislative Aide, at (202) 834-8093.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <a href="https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings">https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings</a> in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System.

The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.