

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

on the

District of Columbia Housing Authority

Thursday, October 26, 2023

10:00 AM

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 120
and virtually via Zoom

Those not participating may watch live online via:

<https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>
<https://entertainment.dc.gov/page/live-tv>
<https://youtube.com/@committeonhousingdc>

On Thursday, October 26th, 2023, at 10:00 AM, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Housing, will hold a public oversight roundtable on the performance of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA).

DCHA works to address the housing needs of tens of thousands of lower-income District households through a variety of programs, including the HUD-funded Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), which contributes toward rent costs for about 12,000 lower-income households living in private apartments; our local voucher programs, which support over 7,000 additional households through systems similar to the HCVP but with District taxpayer funds; and the public housing program, which houses several thousand households in buildings that DCHA owns and manages with partial financial support from HUD.

In the Fall of 2022, HUD issued a sweeping report on operational deficiencies in DCHA's federally supported programs, including problems with governance, public housing units left vacant due to disrepair, waiting list management challenges, and failure to keep voucher payments in line with market rents. DCHA's executive leadership team has stood up several major initiatives to try and respond to these challenges, with the support of the new Stabilization and Reform Board. While some of these initiatives are promising, the Council and public cannot take their success for granted. Through performance and oversight roundtables, budget investments, budget legislation, site visits, legislative hearings, monitoring of public reports, and close consultation with DCHA leadership on constituent concerns, the Committee on Housing has worked to deepen a two-way dialogue: keeping itself and the public abreast of developments inside DCHA while keeping administrators' and policymakers' attention on District residents' most pressing priorities. This roundtable serves as an opportunity for residents, the Stabilization and Reform Board, and the

agency's executive leadership to join the Committee in building consensus around what is working and where the agency can best focus its efforts on further improvement throughout the coming months.

The public oversight roundtable will take place beginning at 10:00 AM in hybrid format via both the Zoom web conferencing platform and in-person testimony in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building. Members of the public who do not wish to testify will be able to view the public hearing at <https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>, <https://entertainment.dc.gov/page/live-tv>, and <https://youtube.com/@committeehousingdc>.

The Committee invites the public to testify in person or remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up at must sign up at <https://dccouncil.gov/hearings> or by phone at (202) 727-8270, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, title (if any), and any preferred personal pronouns by **the close of business on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023**. Witnesses who will testify live are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance at <https://dccouncil.gov/hearings>. The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony in advance of the proceeding.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of four 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.

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.

The Committee also encourages the public to submit written testimony to be included for the public record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted via <https://dccouncil.gov/hearings>. **The record for this public oversight roundtable will close at the close of business on Thursday, November 9th, 2023.**