

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

on

PR25-0448, the “Chief Tenant Advocate of the Office of the Tenant Advocate Johanna Shreve Confirmation Resolution of 2023”

and

PR25-0449, the “Rent Administrator Lauren Pair Confirmation Resolution of 2023”

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
10:00 AM

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 412
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/@committeehousingdc>

On Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Housing, will hold a public roundtable on PR25-0448, the “Chief Tenant Advocate of the Office of the Tenant Advocate Johanna Shreve Confirmation Resolution of 2023,” and PR25-0449, the “Rent Administrator Lauren Pair Confirmation Resolution of 2023.”

The purpose of PR25-0448, the “Chief Tenant Advocate of the Office of the Tenant Advocate Johanna Shreve Confirmation Resolution of 2023” is to reappoint Johanna Shreve, a Ward 4 resident, as the Chief Tenant Advocate, for a term to end June 3, 2026. The Chief Tenant Advocate is responsible for the administration and implementation of the duties of the Office of the Tenant Advocate, whose mission it is to provide legal and technical advice and other legal services to tenants regarding disputes with landlords; advocate for the rights and interests of District renters in the legislative, regulatory, and judicial contexts; and educate and inform the tenant community of their rights as renters. (D.C. Law 16-33, § 2066, 52 DCR 7503; D.C. Official Code § 42–3531.06)

The purpose of PR25-0449, the “Rent Administrator Lauren Pair Confirmation Resolution of 2023” is to reappoint Lauren Pair as Rent Administrator, for a term to end June 27, 2026. The Rent Administrator is responsible for drafting rules and procedures for the Rental Housing Commission,

carrying out the District's rent stabilization program, and leading the Rental Accommodations Division within the Department of Housing and Community Development. (D.C. Law 6-10, §§ 203, 203a-b, 204; D.C. Official Code §§ 42-3502.03, 3502.03a-b, 3502.04)

The public 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 412 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/@committeonhousingdc>.

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://lims.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 31st, 2023**. Witnesses who will testify live are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance at <https://lims.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://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>. **The record for this public roundtable will close at the close of business on Friday, November 3rd, 2023.**