

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION & LABOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND LABOR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

on the matter of

DC Archives Building Project

on

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM

Hybrid in John A. Wilson Building Room 123/Via Zoom

<https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/j/87880426947?pwd=vajIFzUIvXfvSrMDkiGmymjaiVxSSv.1>

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, Councilmember Anita Bonds will hold a public roundtable to discuss the new DC Archives building project.

The D.C. Office of Public Records (also known as the D.C. Archives or OPR) is responsible for collecting, storing, and managing the records of the District government, and for providing members of the public and District employees with access. The current Archives facility, 1300 Naylor Court, N.W., does not meet the District's record storage needs. Conditions at the Naylor Court facility present challenges for safe storage and public access to the District's records, and the building has reached its storage capacity. Currently, many of the District's records are stored at various National Archives and Records Administration facilities across the region, with some records stored as far away as Missouri and Massachusetts.

This roundtable will discuss the planned capital project to construct a new building for the D.C. Archives and OPR's preparations for transitioning into the new facility. The new D.C. Archives building will consolidate the storage of District records in one facility, meet the specialized technical and security needs for providing safe long-term storage, and will include dedicated research facilities to improve public access to the records. It will also create exciting opportunities for public engagement through permanent and temporary exhibits and multi-use space. The new D.C. Archives building will be located on the University of the District of Columbia's flagship Van Ness campus and will engage directly with the campus community by hosting the University's archival collections (including the UDC Jazz Archive) and providing dedicated research and office space for the University.

Persons who wish to testify are requested to register on the Council's Hearing Management System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>), or to email the Committee at ceal@dccouncil.gov or telephone the Committee at (202) 724-8198 at least two business days before the hearing and provide their name, address, telephone number, email address, organizational affiliation and title, if any. Each witness will receive an agenda and Zoom link for the hearing in a separate e-mail.

Witnesses are encouraged to submit an electronic version of their testimony to ceal@dccouncil.gov. Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes for those testifying on behalf of an organization and 3 minutes for those testifying on behalf of themselves.

All Councilmembers will receive an individual Zoom invitation for the hearing in a separate email. The roundtable can be viewed on the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@EALCommittee/streams>), and at www.dccouncil.gov and www.entertainment.dc.gov.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation or require sign language interpretation are encouraged to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If someone is unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Council's Hearing Management System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>), to the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 116, Washington, D.C. 20004, or by email at ceal@dccouncil.gov. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Please contact Tosha Skolnik at nskolnik@dccouncil.gov or (202) 724-8025 with any questions.