

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND FAMILY SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRWOMAN LEWIS GEORGE
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND FAMILY SERVICES**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

B25-39, the “Common Ground Amendment Act of 2023”

on

Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Website (<http://www.DCCouncil.gov>)
Councilmember Lewis George’s website (<https://janeeseward4.com/live>)**

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George, Chair of the Committee on Facilities and Family Services will hold a public hearing to consider Bill 25-39, the “Common Ground Amendment Act of 2023”.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-39, the “Common Ground Amendment Act of 2023” is to require more in-depth analysis prior to the surplus of District land and community engagement in real property surplus and disposition decisions. It would establish an Office of the Public Lands Ombudsperson and increase affordable housing requirements in property disposition for housing development.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Testimony is limited to three minutes for individual witnesses and five minutes for one representative of a bona fide organization. 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 facilities@dccouncil.gov. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Will Perkins, Committee Director, at 202-316-7862 or facilities@dccouncil.gov.

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 (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) 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 to facilities@dccouncil.gov or left by voicemail by calling (202) 350-1396 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on December 21, 2023.