

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND LABOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND LABOR

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on the matter of

B25-0475 – Initiative Amendment Act of 2023

on

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Hybrid in John A. Wilson Building Room 123, and via Zoom

<https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/j/89062828402?pwd=VEZlAjp436sLYUSGW3ZXYoBouN2bC4.1>

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, Councilmember Anita Bonds will hold a public hearing to discuss B25-0475, the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023.

Under the Home Rule Act of 1978, registered District of Columbia voters may place an Initiative or Referendum Measure on an election ballot. Once a Measure is filed, the Board of Elections (BOE) holds a public meeting to consider whether the subject matter of the referendum meets the requirements set forth in the Home Rule Charter.¹ Under an amendment to the Charter approved by Congress, “electors of the District of Columbia may propose laws (except laws appropriating funds) ...”. Earlier this year, the Board of Elections found that ballot initiatives with provisions that are “subject to appropriations” are sufficient to meet the requirements of the Charter. This bill would prevent ballot access for Initiatives that would be subject to appropriations prior to becoming effective.

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, January 9, 2024**. Persons may also register by emailing the Committee at ceal@dccouncil.gov or by telephoning 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. **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.** 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 by emailing ceal@dccouncil.gov. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Each witness will receive an individual Zoom invitation for the hearing in a separate e-mail. All witnesses should submit an electronic version of their testimony using the Hearing Management

¹ <https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/1-1001.16.html>

System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) or by emailing it to ceal@dccouncil.gov. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Chavous, Committee Director, at kchavous@dccouncil.gov.

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 or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

The hearing can be viewed on www.dccouncil.gov or www.entertainment.dc.gov, and on the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@EALCommittee/streams>).