

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

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**\*REVISED NOTICE\***

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

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

**\*REVISED AND ABBREVIATED NOTICE\***

on the matter of

**B25-0475 – Initiative Amendment Act of 2023**

**B25-0610 – Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023**

*on*

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Hybrid

Room 123/Zoom

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

***\*This notice has been revised and abbreviated to reflect the consideration of B25-610, the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023, at this hearing.\****

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, Councilmember Anita Bonds will hold a public hearing to discuss B25-0475, the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023 and B25-610, the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023.

B25-0475, the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023, would amend the Home Rule Act of 1978. 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.<sup>1</sup> Under an amendment to the Charter approved by Congress, “electors of the District of Columbia may propose laws (except laws appropriating funds) ...”. This bill would prevent ballot access for Initiatives that would be subject to appropriations prior to becoming effective.

B25-0610, the Retired Firefighter and Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 2023, would allow retired Metropolitan Police Department officers and retired firefighters from the Fire and Emergency Services Department to work as a temporary full-time or temporary part-time 911 call taker or 911 dispatcher within the Office of Unified communications without jeopardy to the retirement benefits of the employee.

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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. 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 System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) or by emailing it to [ceal@dccouncil.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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 Monday, January 22, 2024.

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