

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

on

PR25-0639, the “Rental Housing Commission Mr. Adam R. Hunter Confirmation Resolution of 2024”

B25-0417, the “Rental Housing Commission Fair Opportunity for Appeal Amendment Act of 2023”

B25-0418, the “Voluntary Agreement Abolition Amendment Act of 2023”

B25-0536, the “Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023”

B25-0633, the “Certificate of Assurance Repeal Amendment Act of 2023”

Monday, March 18th, 2024
9:30 AM

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 500
and virtual viz Zoom

Those not participating may watch live online via:

<https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>
www.entertainment.dc.gov/page/live-tv
<https://youtube.com/@committeeonhousingdc>

Monday, March 18th, 2024, Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Housing, will hold a public hearing on PR25-0639, the “Rental Housing Commission Mr. Adam R. Hunter Confirmation Resolution of 2024”; B25-0417, the “Rental Housing Commission Fair Opportunity for Appeal Amendment Act of 2023”; B25-0418, the “Voluntary Agreement Abolition Amendment Act of 2023”; B25-0536, the “Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023”; and B25-0633, the “Certificate of Assurance Repeal Amendment Act of 2023”.

The public hearing will take place in hybrid format in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building and via the Zoom web conferencing platform at 9:30 AM. Members of the public will be able to view the public hearing <https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>, www.entertainment.dc.gov/page/live-tv, and <https://youtube.com/@committeeonhousingdc>.

The stated purpose of PR25-0639, the “Rental Housing Commission Mr. Adam R. Hunter Confirmation Resolution of 2024” is to confirm the appointment of Adam R. Hunter to the Rental Housing Commission.

The stated purpose of B25-0417, the “Rental Housing Commission Fair Opportunity for Appeal Amendment Act of 2023” is to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to reflect changes in jurisdiction over administrative hearings, to increase the time in which parties aggrieved by final decisions of the Rent Administrator or Office of Administrative Hearings in contested cases may prepare an appeal to the Rental Housing Commission, to expedite the processing and improve the content of administrative records, to provide parties before the Rental Housing Commission sufficient time to brief arguments on appeal, to provide the Rental Housing Commission sufficient time to afford due consideration to the issues on appeal, and to provide greater opportunity for mediation and settlement of disputes.

The stated purpose of B25-0418, the “Voluntary Agreement Abolition Amendment Act of 2023” is to repeal section 215 of the Rental Housing Act, eliminating Voluntary Agreements.

The stated purpose of B25-0536, the “Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023” is to amend the Government Employer-Assisted Housing Amendment Act of 1999 to improve the recruitment and retention of 911 and 311 call-takers by providing them with a \$10,000 home purchase assistance grant in return for a 5-year service obligation.

The stated purpose of B25-0633, the “Certificates of Assurance Repeal Amendment Act of 2023” is to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to remove the Mayor’s ability to issue a certificate of assurance.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up at lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/ or by phone at (202) 727-8270 by **the close of business on Thursday, March 14th, 2024**. Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance at lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/. Witnesses may choose to participate in person or remotely via Zoom. 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 at lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/. **The record for this public hearing will close at the close of business on Monday, April 1st, 2024.**