COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND LABOR

ANNOUNCES AN OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

on the matter of

Board of Elections 2024 Election Cycle Readiness

on

Monday, March 18, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. Hybrid Public Hearing – Room 412 Zoom: https://dccouncil-us.zoom.us/j/86366083138?pwd=7yut4SfZebphA85EqZeuCMixfa2bZl.1

On Monday, March 18, 2024, Councilmember Anita Bonds will hold an oversight roundtable to several items related to the Board of Elections, including equipment installation, facility management and administrative preparations for the 2024 elections. The roundtable will also address any remaining concerns related to the October 2023 data breach. This roundtable is limited to government witnesses only.

In 2024, the District of Columbia will hold primary and general elections for local and federal offices, including the office of President of the United States. Members of Congress have indicated their interest in supporting initiatives that would make it more difficult to vote and administer elections in the District. These upcoming elections will receive heavy scrutiny due to this increased interest in our electoral process, and it is critical that the Board of Elections prepares to administer the elections in a seamless manner. This roundtable will allow the Board of Elections to update the public on its preparation for the 2024 election cycle, including a discussion on plans to reach out to voters, implement in-person and mail-in voting, and prepare a space for the votes to be counted.

Furthermore, on October 6th, 2023, the Board of Elections announced their awareness of a data breach involving District of Columbia voter records. This roundtable will give the Board of Elections an opportunity to inform the public of the details of this event. The breach is under federal scrutiny, so inquiry into the event will consist of a high-level overview without compromising any ongoing investigations. The Committee endeavors to help District residents and voters understand both the scope of this breach and agency plans to protect the personal data of District voters in the future.

Written statements should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <u>https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings</u>. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

All government witnesses will receive an individual Zoom invitation for the hearing in a separate email. 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 business days before the proceeding by emailing <u>ceal@dccouncil.gov</u>. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be met and alternatives may be offered.

Please contact <u>ceal@dccouncil.gov</u> for more information.