

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 25-1004, “Downtown Arena Revitalization Act of 2024”

on

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:45am
(or immediately following the preceding hearing)**

**Council Chamber Room 500 (Track A)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-1004**, the “**Downtown Arena Revitalization Act of 2024**”. The public hearing will be held at **10:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024** (or immediately following the preceding Committee of the Whole hearing).

The stated purpose of Bill 25-1004 is to approve the development and financing agreement for the redevelopment of the downtown arena and to approve an agreement by lease of certain real property owned by the District government for the redevelopment and operation of the downtown arena. The bill also approves a purchase and sale agreement for the downtown arena, authorizes the granting of certain easements related to the downtown arena property and authorizes airspace leases associated with the downtown arena. Lastly, the bill continues the property tax abatements and deed transfer and recordation tax exemptions for the downtown arena and authorizes the issuance of rules to provide for additional signage on the downtown arena.

Those who wish to testify about this legislation must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024**. **Testimony is limited to four minutes**. 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 cow@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 Christian A. Washington, Special Counsel, at (202) 724-8083 or cow@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses may participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System 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 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, November 25, 2024.