

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

---

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
&  
CHAIRMAN KENYAN MCDUFFIE  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

**The State of the Medical Cannabis Industry and Enforcement Against Illegal Cannabis Shops**

on

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Room 120  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.gov](http://www.dccouncil.gov))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie announce a joint public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Business and Economic Development on *The State of the Medical Cannabis Industry and Enforcement Against Illegal Cannabis Shops*. The hearing will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025**.

In Council Periods 24 and 25, the Council worked with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration and other stakeholders to develop and approve legislation that loosened outdated restrictions on medical cannabis patients, licensees and medical cannabis products, created a pathway for unlicensed cannabis shops to obtain licenses, and granted ABCA additional authority to shut down illegal cannabis shops after a specific date. Despite these efforts, sales of medical cannabis in the District were at their lowest in years in 2024, and only 48 of the over 200 illegal cannabis shops operating in the District have been confirmed as closed (either through voluntary action or padlocking). The purpose of this public roundtable is to discuss and examine what more can be done to address declining legal medical cannabis sales and speed up or enhance the enforcement process against illegal cannabis shops in the District.

**This hearing is limited to invited witnesses and agency representatives;** however, anyone may submit written testimony. Those who wish to submit testimony for the record may do so by using the Council's Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> or by leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. The record will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

If you have additional questions, please contact Blaine Stum, Deputy Committee Director for the Committee of the Whole, at (202) 724-8092 or [bstum@dccouncil.gov](mailto:bstum@dccouncil.gov).