

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTINA HENDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING

ON

B26-0109 - Farmers Market Support Amendment Act of 2025;

PR26-0059 Food Policy Council Rachel Clark Confirmation Resolution of 2025;

AND

PR26-0060 Food Policy Council Natalia Kalloo Confirmation Resolution of 2025

ON

Monday, March 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Hybrid in Room 500 and Virtual via Zoom

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Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Health, announce a public hearing on B26-0109 - Farmers Market Support Amendment Act of 2025; PR26-0059 Food Policy Council Rachel Clark Confirmation Resolution of 2025; and PR26-0060 Food Policy Council Natalia Kalloo Confirmation Resolution of 2025. The hearing will be held on Monday March 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in hearing room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

B26-109 would support farmers markets in low food access neighborhoods by creating a grant program to help cover operational costs, infrastructure, and extended seasonal operations. It would also require discounted permitting fees to markets in low food access areas.

PR26-0059 nominated Rachel Clark for reappointment to the Food Policy Council as a public member, for a term to end March 1, 2028.

PR26-0060 nominates Natalia Kalloo for reappointment to the Food Policy Council as a public member, for a term to end March 1, 2028.

Witnesses may appear either in-person or virtually using the Zoom platform. Unless otherwise stated in pre-hearing instructions, witnesses will have 5 minutes to speak if they are representing an organization, and 3 minutes if they are speaking for themselves. The public should sign up at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings> by 5pm on Thursday March 13, 2025. **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.** 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. If you have additional questions, please email Ashley Strange, Legislative Assistant at astrange@dccouncil.gov.

Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the roundtable. 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 at the link above. The record will close at 5:00pm on Monday March 31, 2025.