

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B26-20, “HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN BURIAL GROUNDS PRESERVATION
FUND AMENDMENT ACT OF 2025”**

B26-55, “NONPROFIT SOLAR TAX EXEMPTION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2025”

B26-10, “SPOUSAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2025”

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Room 500 and via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast

Streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbFwXXcbCuQk3-zlwqe97mA/streams> and www.dccouncil.gov/hearings

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing to consider the following measures:

- Bill 26-20, the “Historic African American Burial Grounds Preservation Fund Amendment Act of 2025”
- Bill 26-55, the “Nonprofit Solar Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2025”
- Bill 26-10, the “Spousal Homestead Exemption Amendment Act of 2025”

Bill 26-20, the “Historic African American Burial Grounds Preservation Fund Amendment Act of 2025” would establish the Paul E. Sluby, Sr. Preservation Fund for Historic African American Cemeteries or burial grounds.

Bill 26-55, the “Nonprofit Solar Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2025” would provide the buildings and grounds belonging to and used by an institution, organization, or other entity exempt from real property taxation shall not be assessed and taxed where the building or grounds are used for solar energy generation, energy storage, and energy management activities.

Bill 26-10, the “Spousal Homestead Exemption Amendment Act of 2025” would provide that a surviving spouse or domestic partner of a veteran may claim the Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption.

The Committee invites the public to testify, in-person or virtually, and to submit written testimony. Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025.** All public

witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced or extended.

Public witnesses who request to participate virtually via the Zoom Video Conference platform will receive instructions by email on how to participate prior to the hearing. Written testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review and be made a part of the official record. The record will close at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025.**

Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee by email of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered.

Please email Doni Crawford, Committee Director, dcrawford@dcouncil.gov for additional information.