

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Finance and Revenue  
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

ABBREVIATED

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 17-19, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit Act of 2007"  
Bill 17-20, the "Commercial Real Property Real Tax Credit Act of 2007"  
Bill 17-37, the "Estate and Inheritance Tax Re-Coupling Act of 2007"**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.  
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 17-19, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit Act of 2007", Bill 17-20, the "Commercial Real Property Real Tax Credit Act of 2007", and Bill 17-37, the "Estate and Inheritance Tax Re-Coupling Act of 2007". The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

**Bill 17-19, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit Act of 2007"** would amend Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to limit the amount of the real property tax to 105% of the real property tax for the prior tax year.

**Bill 17-20, the "Commercial Real Property Real Tax Credit Act of 2007"** would amend Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide a tax credit to owners of commercial and non-owner-occupied residential real property to limit the amount of the real property tax to 110% of the real property tax for the prior tax year.

**Bill 17-37, the "Estate and Inheritance Tax Re-Coupling Act of 2007"** would amend section 47-3701(4) of the District of Columbia Official Code to re-couple the District of Columbia estate tax filing threshold with the estate tax filing threshold established by the Internal Revenue Code.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Ruth Werner, Legislative Analyst at (202) 724-8058 or [rwerner@dccouncil.us](mailto:rwerner@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows each individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [rwerner@dccouncil.us](mailto:rwerner@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004. The hearing record will close ten days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

This notice has been abbreviated in order to obtain public testimony on tax relief legislation prior to consideration of the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Economic Development  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20004

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**Councilmember Kwame R. Brown, Chair,  
Committee on Economic Development  
Announces a Public Hearing on  
B17-0022 "NCRC and AWC Reorganization Act of 2007"  
March 13, 2007 at 10:00am  
Room 412 The John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC**

**Councilmember Kwame R. Brown, Chair of the Committee on Economic Development will hold a public hearing on B17-0022 "NCRC and AWC Reorganization Act of 2007" on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 10:00am in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.**

The purpose this hearing is to review the legislation: "NCRC and AWC Reorganization Act of 2007".

The public is invited to offer testimony before the Committee. Oral testimony may be limited to three minutes. Please contact Sharlene Kranz at the Committee on Economic Development at (202) 727-6683 or [Skranz@DCCouncil.us](mailto:Skranz@DCCouncil.us) by Friday, March 9, 2007 to be placed on the witness list. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

If you are unable to attend the Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004 no later than 5:30pm Friday March 23, 2007.

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Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Human Services  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

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Revised Notice

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 17-41, THE "SAFE AND STABLE HOMES FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT OF 2007"**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007 -- 10:00 A.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER - ROOM 500  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 17-41 the "Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Act of 2007."** The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This notice has been revised to change the room where the hearing will be held.

Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced the "Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Act of 2007." The purpose of the legislation is to amend District law to permit persons other than parents to seek custody of a child when in the child's best interests while recognizing and enforcing the constitutional rights of parents. Thousands of children in the District of Columbia live in households headed by a person other than a parent – a grandparent, another relative, a stepparent, a godparent or someone else fully committed to raising the child. At times, such an arrangement can arise out of dire necessity, such as the deployment of a parent in the military, or the incapacitation of a parent due to illness. In August 2006, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a sweeping ruling that reversed a long-standing practice of allowing third parties to file for custody of children in their care.

In effect, the ruling now deprives non-parent relatives and other caregivers of standing in custody proceedings. Denying these parties an opportunity to file for custody for children in their care can be contrary to the best interests of the child. This legislation proposes to remedy this situation.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Adam Maier of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at [amaier@dccouncil.us](mailto:amaier@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8035 by Tuesday, February 6, 2007. E-mail contacts to Mr. Maier should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**P.R. 17-54, the "People's Counsel Elizabeth A. Noel Confirmation Resolution of  
2007"**

**P.R. 17-55, the "Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia Betty Ann  
Kane Confirmation Resolution of 2007"**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2007  
10:30 A.M.**

**John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Room 120**

On Wednesday, February 21, 2007, Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, will hold a public hearing on P.R. 17-54, the "People's Counsel Elizabeth A. Noel Confirmation Resolution of 2007" and P.R. 17-55, the "Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia Betty Ann Kane Confirmation Resolution of 2007." The public hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, at 724-4902 or via email at [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us). All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building,

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on Monday, February 26, 2007.

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee of the Whole and the  
Committee on Economic Development  
Notice of Joint Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY AND COUNCILMEMBER KWAME R. BROWN  
ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON  
BILL 17-11, "BALLPARK HARD AND SOFT COSTS CAP ACT OF 2007" AND  
BILL 17-21, "BALLPARK PARKING COMPLETION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2007"**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007, 10:00 AM  
ROOM 412  
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray, chair, Committee of the Whole, and Councilmember Kwame R. Brown, chair, Committee on Economic Development, announce a joint public hearing on Bill 17-11, the "Ballpark Hard and Soft Costs Cap Act of 2007" and Bill 17-21, "Ballpark Parking Completion Amendment Act of 2007" on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Bill 17-11 is the permanent version of emergency and temporary legislation previously adopted by the Council which established a cap on the District's cost of building the new baseball stadium. Bill 17-21 is the permanent version of emergency and temporary legislation previously adopted by the Council which exempted the stadium's parking garages from the zoning requirement that the parking be built underground.

The public is invited to offer testimony at the hearing on this legislation. Oral testimony may be limited to three minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Please contact Sharlene Kranz at the Committee on Economic Development at (202) 727-6683 or [SKranz@DCCouncil.us](mailto:SKranz@DCCouncil.us) by Tuesday, March 13, 2007 to be placed on the witness list. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, written statements are encouraged, and all statements will be made a part of the official record of each bill. A copy of each written statement should be submitted, no later than 5:30 pm on Friday, March 23, 2007, to each committee: the Committee on Economic Development, Suite 119, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20004, or [SKranz@DCCouncil.us](mailto:SKranz@DCCouncil.us); and the Committee of the Whole, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, or [RMiller@DCCouncil.us](mailto:RMiller@DCCouncil.us).

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 111, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**PR 17-0027, THE "DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS GUSTAVO  
F. VELASQUEZ CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2007"**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 – 3:00 P.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
ROOM 412  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on PR 17-0027, the "Director of the Office on Human Rights Gustavo F. Velasquez Confirmation Resolution of 2007."** The roundtable will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This roundtable has been scheduled to discuss the Mayor's nomination of Gustavo F. Velasquez as Director of the Office on Human Rights.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Andrew Gerst of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at [agerst@dccouncil.us](mailto:agerst@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Thursday, February 8, 2007. E-mail contacts to Mr. Gerst should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**PR 17-0029, THE "DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON LATINO AFFAIRS MARIA  
MERCEDES LEMP CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2007"**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 -- 10:00 A.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
ROOM 412  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on PR 17-0029, the "Director of the Office on Latino Affairs Maria Mercedes Lemp Confirmation Resolution of 2007."** The roundtable will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This roundtable has been scheduled to discuss the Mayor's nomination of Maria Mercedes Lemp as Director of the Office on Latino Affairs.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Andrew Gerst of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at [agerst@dccouncil.us](mailto:agerst@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Thursday, February 8, 2007. E-mail contacts to Mr. Gerst should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**PR 17-0030, THE "DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS NEBIAT  
SOLOMON CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2007"**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 – 12:00 P.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
ROOM 412  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on PR 17-0030, the "Director of the Office on African Affairs Nebiat Solomon Confirmation Resolution of 2007."** The roundtable will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This roundtable has been scheduled to discuss the Mayor's nomination of Nebiat Solomon as Director of the Office on African Affairs.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Andrew Gerst of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at [agerst@dccouncil.us](mailto:agerst@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Thursday, February 8, 2007. E-mail contacts to Mr. Gerst should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**PR 17-0053, THE "OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS RICHARD F. JOHNS  
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2007"**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.**

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
ROOM 412  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on PR 17-0053, the "Office of Employee Appeals Richard F. Johns Confirmation Resolution of 2007."** The roundtable will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This roundtable has been scheduled to discuss the Mayor's nomination of Richard F. Johns as a member of the Office of Employee Appeals, replacing Jeffrey J. Stewart, whose term ended April 6, 2006, for a term to end April 6, 2012.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Andrew Gerst of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at [agerst@dccouncil.us](mailto:agerst@dccouncil.us) or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Thursday, February 8, 2007. E-mail contacts to Mr. Gerst should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

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