

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation
Notice of Public Hearing**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER KATHY PATTERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND RECREATION**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B16-624, the "Public Charter School Assets and Facilities Preservation
Amendment Act of 2006," and
B16-57, the "Charter School Founders Preference Act of 2005".**

**Monday, May 8, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

**John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 412**

On Monday, May 8, 2006, Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation, will hold a public hearing on B16-624, the "Public Charter School Assets and Facilities Preservation Amendment Act of 2006" and B16-57, the "Charter School Founders Preference Act of 2005".

B16-0624 will amend the District of Columbia Public Charter School Act of 1996 and the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to provide that net assets, including facilities, not owned by the charter school prior to the receipt of a charter, remaining after a charter is revoked, voluntarily relinquished, or not renewed, be deemed the property of the District of Columbia. B16-57 will amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to give a preference in admission to the children of those who found new charter schools. The public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m., in Room 412 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 roundtable should contact Evelyn Bourne-Gould, Legislative Assistant to the Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation, at 724-8195 or via e-mail at egould@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

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will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation, or to Mr. Ira Stohlman, Acting Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close on Monday, May 22, 2006.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Hearing**

The John A. Wilson Building

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

**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 16-657, "CLOSING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY
IN SQUARE 2910, S.O. 05-0587, ACT OF 2006"**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006, 4:00 PM
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBER
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 16-657, the "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2910, S.O. 05-0587, Act of 2006." The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, at 4:00 pm, in the Council Chamber, on the 5th floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 16-657 would close a 15-foot-wide public alley in Square 2910, bounded on the north by Upshur Street, NW, on the south by Taylor Street, NW, on the west by Kansas Avenue, NW, and on the east by Georgia Avenue, NW, located in Ward 4. The applicant is Neighborhood Development Corporation, which requests the alley closing to facilitate the development of a mixed use building with approximately 72 affordable housing units, approximately 10,600 square feet of ground floor retail space, and underground parking for approximately 36 cars.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.us, or by fax at 202-724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Tuesday, May 9, 2006. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, May 9, 2006. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 16-699, "DC EDUCATION RIGHTS CHARTER AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006"
AND
BILL 16-708, "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EDUCATIONAL POLICIES CHARTER
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006"**

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006, 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING,
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 16-699, the "DC Education Rights Charter Amendment Act of 2006," and Bill 16-708, the "District of Columbia Educational Policies Charter Amendment Act of 2006." The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, on the 5th floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Bill 16-699, co-introduced by Chairman Cropp and Councilmembers Patterson, Fenty, Barry, Brown, Gray, Ambrose, Graham and Orange, would amend the Charter of the District of Columbia to recognize a fundamental right to educational opportunities as a foundation of the District's democratic system of government and require that the District of Columbia provide a system of high-quality public schools to every child.

Bill 16-708, co-introduced by Councilmembers Orange, Barry, Gray and Brown, would amend the Charter of the District of Columbia to require the District of Columbia to facilitate the provision of a system of high-quality public schools by requiring that the Board of Education and the Superintendent establish policies to ensure that all 3rd grade students are able to read independently and understand the fundamentals of mathematics upon being promoted to the 4th grade; and all 8th grade students are able to read at or above grade level and are exposed to pre-algebra concepts in preparation for high school.

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business on Thursday May 18, 2006. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Thursday, May 18, 2006. Each person presenting testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

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