

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
Notice of a Public Hearing

COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

ANNOUNCES

A PUBLIC HEARING

ON

**BILL 16-812, THE "HOUSING AUTHORITY GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEE HOUSING PRODUCTION PROGRAM ACT OF 2006"**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006, 4:00 P.M.
ROOM 412, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will convene a public hearing on Bill 16-812, the "Housing Authority Government Employee Housing Production Program Act of 2006".

This bill would expand affordable housing options for District of Columbia government employees by offering government loans to sponsors of workforce housing development.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Those who wish to testify should contact John Adams at (202) 724-8198 before 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 26. Individual public witnesses will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation. Organizational representatives will be permitted 5 minutes. Witnesses should bring 16 copies of their testimony to the continued public oversight hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to John Adams, Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Room 112, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2006.

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

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

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

BILL 16-876, "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

10:00 AM – Executive Testimony

12:00 Noon – Public Testimony

**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 16-876, the "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006." The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2006, in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Executive branch testimony will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by public testimony that will begin at approximately 12:00 noon.

Bill 16-876, introduced by Chairman Cropp at the request of the Mayor, would amend the enacted District elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, which together with the federal elements adopted by the National Capital Planning Commission, establish long-range planning goals, policies and actions to guide decisions by both District and federal agencies regarding the physical development of the District of Columbia. The proposed Comprehensive Plan (Mayor's July 2006 Draft) was submitted to the Council on July 14, 2006, and is the outcome of a four-year major revision process that included extensive public involvement, education and outreach.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) is based on the overarching goal of "Growing an Inclusive City" and sets forth hundreds of policies and actions on important topics such as land use, transportation, housing and the environment. Much of the content of the proposed Plan has been carried forward from the existing Comp Plan, which was first enacted in 1984, and amended in 1985, 1989, 1994 and 1998. However, many policies and actions have been added to reflect updated data, issues, priorities and conditions. For example, the new proposed Plan includes chapters (called "Elements") on Parks, Arts and Culture, Infrastructure and Educational Facilities. The proposed Plan also includes an Implementation Element, which identifies responsible agencies and timelines for each action.

The proposed Comp Plan is designed to be more user-friendly than the existing Comp Plan. Maps, charts, sidebars and photos have been added, and the document has been attractively formatted and printed in color. Policies in the eight existing Ward Plans have been incorporated instead into the citywide Elements and ten new Area Elements. Like the existing Plan, the proposed Comp Plan is accompanied by two oversized maps (a Land Use Map and a Policy Map) which graphically illustrate how its policies will be carried out.

The Committee is interested in receiving comments on the Mayor's proposed revision to the text and maps of the Comp Plan which would be enacted by Bill 16-876. The Committee also invites comments on any other suggestions for changes to the District Elements of the Comp Plan, including, but not limited to, suggestions which may have been previously submitted to the Office of Planning as part of the Comp Plan revision process but which were not included in the Mayor's July 2006 Draft. The Mayor has stated that a Comp Plan Addendum will be submitted to the Council and the public prior to the public hearing, which includes text and map changes that respond to additional public comments that have been solicited and received by the Office of Planning on the Comp Plan after the Mayor's July 2006 submission and prior to September 6, 2006.

Copies of the Mayor's July 2006 draft of the Comprehensive Plan (including the maps) have previously been distributed by the Office of Planning to all Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and numerous other persons. The document is also available for review and downloading from the Office of Planning's Comp Plan website at www.inclusivecity.org. Paper or CD-ROM copies may be ordered by calling the Office of Planning at 442-8812 or sending a request to complan@dc.gov. The proposed Comp Plan is also available for review at the Council's Legislative Services Division, Room 2 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20004, telephone 724-8050. Copies of Bill 16-876, which would enact the Comp Plan into law, may be obtained from the Council's Legislative Services Division.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the September 26th 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 724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, September 22, 2006. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by September 22, 2006. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. A second day for this public hearing will likely be scheduled in October 2006.

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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Notice of a Continued Public Oversight Hearing

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COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

ANNOUNCES

A CONTINUED PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING

ON

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY (OPS)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006, 2:00 P.M.
ROOM 412, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will convene a continued public oversight hearing to update the Committee on performance and accountability at the Office of Public Safety (OPS) at the District of Columbia Housing Authority. The public oversight hearing was recessed on Friday, July 7, 2006, to be reconvened at the call of the Chairperson.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Those who wish to testify should contact John Adams at (202) 724-8198 before 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 26. Individual public witnesses will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation. Organizational representatives will be permitted 5 minutes. Witnesses should bring 16 copies of their testimony to the continued public oversight hearing.

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