

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations
ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

ABBREVIATED NOTICE

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL 17-702 "STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2008"

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chairperson of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations announces a Public Hearing on Bill 17-702 "Student Voter Registration Amendment Act of 2008". The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 412, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This notice has been abbreviated to permit appropriate notice to the public.

Bill 17-702 which was introduced by Councilmember Schwartz, Chairman Gray, and Councilmembers Alexander, Barry, Bowser, Brown, Catania, Cheh, Evans, Graham, Mendelson, Thomas and Wells would amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to allow 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. Emergency and Temporary legislation is now in place concerning the provisions of this bill, and this abbreviated notice of public hearing has been filed so that the permanent bill can be acted on soon as well.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Blair Miles of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at bmiles@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Tuesday, May 20, 2008. E-mail contacts should include the full name, title, contact phone number 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, provided that no more than two representatives will be allowed for any organization, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation. All written testimony will be included in the record in its entirety.

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., Friday, May 30, 2008.

**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 VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 17-479, A STREET AND ALLEY CLOSING AND
ACQUISITION PROCEDURES AMENDMENT ACT OF 2008@**

**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008, 11:00 AM
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 17-479, the A Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Amendment Act of 2008.@ The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 17-479, introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor, would authorize the dedication of new, narrower minor streets (less than 75 feet wide) in the District of Columbia if the Mayor approves the proposed street width or building line setback from such streets. The bill also would establish conditions for the construction of new streets by private landowners when the new streets will be dedicated to the District.

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 202-724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.dc.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 27, 2008. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 3 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.

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 VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 17-552, "CLOSING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY
IN SQUARE 700, S.O. 07-9626, ACT OF 2008"**

**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008, 10:00 AM
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 17-552, the "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 700, S.O. 07-9626, Act of 2008." The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 17-552, introduced by Councilmember Wells, would close a public alley in Square 700, bounded by M, Half, N and South Capitol Streets, S.E., in Ward 6. The applicant, Monument Realty, requests the closure to facilitate development of a 207,000 square foot residential building with ground floor retail space and underground parking.

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 202-724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.dc.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 27, 2008. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

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**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

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008";
Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008";
Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008"; and
PR 17-752, the "Washington Math Science Technology Public Charter School, Inc.
Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2008"**

**Friday, May 16, 2008 -- 10:00 a.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 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008"; Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008"; Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008"; and PR 17-752, the "Washington Math Science Technology Public Charter School, Inc. Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2008". The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 17-591, the "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008", was introduced by Chairman Vincent Gray at the request of the Mayor. It would authorize the Mayor to issue District of Columbia revenue bonds secured by tax increment revenues, payments in lieu of taxes, and special assessments generated by or related to the Southwest Waterfront redevelopment project. Proceeds of the bonds would be used to invest in much-needed infrastructure and public amenities, such as parks or a promenade, contribute to site acquisition costs, and contribute to related financing costs.

Bill 17-666, the "National Public Radio Property Tax Abatement Act of 2008", was introduced by Chairman Vincent Gray at the request of the Mayor. It would cap, for a period of 20 years, the real property taxes imposed on the real property located at Square 673, Lot 837 - which is the future site of the new headquarters of NPR, on the 1100 block of North Capitol Street, N.W. The real property taxes would be capped at the amount of taxes imposed on the property for tax year 2008. The legislation would further limit the increase in the real property

taxes and vault fees imposed on the current headquarters of NPR, located on Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., to an annual increase of no more than 3% until NPR vacates that building. According to the Mayor's transmittal letter: "because of the financial incentive provided by the legislation, NPR has committed to build a new 400,000 SF headquarters building on North Capitol Street in the emerging NoMA neighborhood. NPR's commitment to remain in the District will lead to the retention of hundreds of job opportunities for District residents and will help further catalyze the redevelopment of NoMA".

Bill 17-713, the "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008", was introduced by Councilmember Jack Evans, and would amend the Downtown Business Improvement District to reflect the current BID tax rate on commercial properties and change the rate imposed on hotels.

PR 17-752, the "Washington Math Science Technology Public Charter School, Inc. Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2008" was introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor. It would authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8.5 million of the District of Columbia revenue bonds in one or more series and not to authorize and provide for the loan of the proceeds of such bonds to assist the Washington Math Science Technology Public Charter High School in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project pursuant to section 490 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act. The proposed project is located at 1920 Bladensburg Road, N.E., in Ward 5.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the public hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Sarina Loy, Committee Assistant at (202) 724-8058 or sloy@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by the close of business on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows 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 sloy@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 hearing has been revised with a new date, as it was originally scheduled for May 8, 2008, and was revised to include PR 17-752. Additionally, this hearing notice has been abbreviated in order to permit Council action on these matters prior to the summer recess.