

**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
*Notice of Public Hearing*

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

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**Councilmember Sandra (Sandy) Allen, Chairperson**  
**Committee on Human Services**

**Announces a Public Hearing on**

**Bill 15-915, The "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Act of  
2004"**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2004**

**Room 412**

**John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**

**10:00 a.m.**

Councilmember Sandra (Sandy) Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announces a public hearing to receive comments on Bill 15-915, the "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Act of 2004." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 15-915, the "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Act of 2004," would amend the Free Clinic Assistance Program Act of 1986 to extend the life of the free clinic assistance program until October 1, 2008.

The Committee extends an invitation to the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Eric Goulet, Legislative Counsel for Health and Aging Issues at the Committee on Human Services, at (202) 724-8060 and furnish their names, telephone numbers, and organizational affiliation (if any) by **12:00 p.m., Monday, September 27, 2004**. You may also forward your information via fax to (202) 724-4722 or e-mail at [egoulet@dccouncil.us](mailto:egoulet@dccouncil.us). The hearing will be limited to the first thirty public witnesses who sign up to testify. Members of the public may also submit written testimony that will be made part of the official record if the witness list reaches capacity or they are unable to testify in person at the hearing. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail or mailed to Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 408; Washington D.C. 20004.

Witnesses should bring **20 copies** of their written testimony to the hearing. Individuals will be limited to three minutes and panels will be limited to five minutes for oral presentations in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

The hearing record will close seven days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Government Operations  
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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT B. ORANGE, SR., CHAIRPERSON**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

Bill 15-934, the "Retirement Reform Act Amendment Act of 2004"

Bill 15-440, the "Energy Star Efficiency Amendment Act of 2004"

**Monday, September 20, 2004**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Council Chamber**

**John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr., Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 15-934, the "Retirement Reform Act Amendment Act of 2004"; and Bill 15-440, the "Energy Star Efficiency Amendment Act of 2004". The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

**Due to a scheduling conflict, the Public Hearing has been rescheduled for Monday, September 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.** The Public Hearing was originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, a subsequent notice was filed reflecting the commencement time for the hearing as 10:00 a.m.

**Bill 15-934**, the "Retirement Reform Act Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Retirement Reform Act of 1979 to facilitate modern investment management; to require that should a disapproval resolution be filed by the Council of the District of Columbia, action must be taken by the Council, within 30 days, of receipt of the administrative exemption or the proposed exemption shall be authorized, provided that if the exemption is submitted to the Council less than 10 days prior to the upcoming legislative session, the period shall be 45 days; to permit the Board to invest fund assets in pooled real estate investment vehicles in real property, or securities backed by real property located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, or Maryland; to expand the District of Columbia Retirement Board current personnel authority to establish classification and compensation for its employees, to include additional benefits and

flexibility for retention and recruitment of highly qualified staff; and to restore the ceiling on trustee compensation that was approved by the Council of the District of Columbia in 1999.

**Bill 15-440**, the "Energy Star Efficiency Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to further promote energy efficient choices within the District of Columbia by requiring the District of Columbia to procure Energy Star-labeled products.

Those who wish to testify should contact the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-8191, by the close of business on Friday, September 17, 2004. Witnesses should bring twenty (20) copies of their written testimony to the Public Hearing. Public witnesses will be permitted a maximum of (5) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Public Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, John A. Wilson Building, Suite 117, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than Monday, October 4, 2004.

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Human Services  
*Notice of Public Hearing***

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

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**Councilmember Sandra (Sandy) Allen, Chairperson  
Committee on Human Services**

**Announces a Public Hearing on**

**Bill 15-978, The "Senior Citizen Quality of Care Reform Act of 2004"**

**Thursday, October 21, 2004  
Council Chamber  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
10:00 a.m.**

Councilmember Sandra (Sandy) Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announces a public hearing to receive comments on Bill 15-978, the "Senior Citizen Quality of Care Reform Act of 2004." The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 15-978, the "Senior Citizen Quality of Care Reform Act of 2004," would: create a District of Columbia nursing facility residents' bill of rights; require new nursing personnel staffing ratios and training standards; increase residents' protection from the unnecessary use of physical and chemical restraints; and amend the Adult Protective Services Act of 1984 to authorize Adult Protective Services to investigate cases of self-neglect.

The Committee extends an invitation to the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Eric Goulet, Legislative Counsel for Health and Aging Issues at the Committee on Human Services, at (202) 724-8060 and furnish their names, telephone numbers, and organizational affiliation (if any) by **12:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2004**. You may also forward your information via fax to (202) 724-4722 or e-mail at [egoulet@dccouncil.us](mailto:egoulet@dccouncil.us). The hearing will be limited to the first thirty public witnesses who sign up to testify. Members of the public may also submit written testimony that will be made part of the official record if the witness list reaches capacity or they are unable to testify in person at the hearing. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail or mailed to Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 408; Washington D.C. 20004.

Witnesses should bring **20 copies** of their written testimony to the hearing. Individuals will be limited to three minutes and panels will be limited to five minutes for oral presentations in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

The hearing record will close seven days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Public Services  
Public Oversight Hearing Notice**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER SANDRA (SANDY) ALLEN, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

and

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID A. CATANIA, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Announce a Joint Public Oversight Hearing on**

**Administration of Federal Department of Health Grants in the District of Columbia**

**Monday, October 4, 2004  
Council Chamber  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
10:00 a.m.**

Councilmember Sandra (Sandy) Allen, Chair of the Committee on Human Services and Councilmember David A. Catania, Chair of the Committee on Public Services will reconvene a public oversight hearing on the Administration of Federal Department of Health grants in the District of Columbia. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Council to review the administration of the Federal Department of Health grants in the District of Columbia. This hearing will be a continuation of the public roundtable held on July 7, 2004, which was recessed by Councilmembers Allen and Catania because the Department of Health did not have the necessary personnel in attendance to sufficiently address concerns raised at the roundtable.

The Committee extends an invitation to submit additional written testimony that will be made part of the official record. Please contact Eric Goulet, Legislative Counsel for Health and Aging Issues at the Committee on Human Services at (202) 724-8060 for additional information. You may also forward your information via fax to (202) 724-4722 or e-mail at [egoulet@dccouncil.us](mailto:egoulet@dccouncil.us). Written statements may be submitted by e-mail or mailed to Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 408; Washington D.C. 20004. The hearing record will close seven days following the conclusion of the roundtable. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on the Judiciary  
**Notice of Public Oversight Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER KATHY PATTERSON, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**October 25, 2004**

**10:00 a.m.**

**John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Council Chambers, Room 500  
Washington, DC 20004**

On Wednesday, October 20, 2004, Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, will hold a public oversight on Emergency Preparedness in the District of Columbia. This hearing will focus of the District's level of preparedness in the event of an emergency, including a terrorist attack on the District or National Capital Region. The Committee will receive testimony from Executive branch representatives on District agency plans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, as well as protocols with respect to communication and coordination with the federal government. Additionally, the Committee will invite members of the 9/11 Commission to present testimony regarding how the Commission's findings impact emergency preparedness planning in the District. The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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 Tami Lewis, Legislative Assistant to the Committee on the Judiciary, at 724-7808 or via email at [tlewis@dccouncil.us](mailto:tlewis@dccouncil.us). All witnesses will be permitted 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 either to the Judiciary Committee, or to Ms. Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson

Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

This hearing notice is being revised to reflect the change in the date of the hearing from October 20, 2004 to October 25, 2004.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Government Operations  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT B. ORANGE, SR., CHAIRPERSON**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

Bill 15-788, "Procurement Practices Timely Competition Assurance Amendment Act of 2004"

Bill 15-826, "District of Columbia Government Purchase Card Program Reporting Requirements Amendment Act of 2004"

Bill 15-833, "Debarment Procedures Amendment Act of 2004"

**Thursday, September 16, 2004**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Council Chamber**

**John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr., Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on Bill 15-788, the "Procurement Practices Timely Competition Assurance Amendment Act of 2004"; Bill 15-826, the "District of Columbia Government Purchase Card Program Reporting Requirements Amendment Act of 2004"; and Bill 15-833, the "Debarment Procedures Amendment Act of 2004". The Public Roundtable will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

**Bill 15-788**, the "Procurement Practices Timely Competition Assurance Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to clarify the meaning and purpose of competition in procurement actions, to prohibit the determination of an "emergency condition" where internal governmental circumstances are solely responsible for the failure to adhere to existing non-emergency procurement regulations, and to ensure that bids for continually needed goods or services are solicited in sufficient time for full and open competition and prior to the expiration of the incumbent contract.



**Bill 15-826**, the "District of Columbia Government Purchase Card Program Reporting Requirements Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to establish new reporting requirements for the tracking of purchase card expenditures and interest penalty payments.

**Bill 15-833**, the "Debarment Procedures Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to modify the procedures for debarring or suspending a person or business from consideration for an award of District contracts or subcontracts by establishing a debarment and Suspension panel to consider the best interest of the District in the consideration of each debarment or suspension action, and to authorize persons or businesses currently debarred or suspended to do business with the District until a debarment or suspension decision has been issued consistent with the procedures established by this act.

Those who wish to testify should contact the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-8191, by the close of business on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. Witnesses should bring twenty (20) copies of their written testimony to the Public Roundtable. Public witnesses will be permitted a maximum of (5) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Public Roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, John A. Wilson Building, Suite 117, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than Thursday, September 30, 2004.

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Government Operations  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**  
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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT B. ORANGE, SR., CHAIRPERSON**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

Bill 15-873, the "Disability Compensation Effective Administration Amendment Act of 2004"

PR 15-879, the "Chief Risk Officer, James J. Jacobs Confirmation Approval Resolution of 2004"

**Friday, September 17, 2004**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Council Chamber**

**John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr., Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on Bill 15-873, the "Disability Compensation Effective Administration Amendment Act of 2004"; and PR 15-879, the "Chief Risk Officer, James J. Jacobs Confirmation Approval Resolution of 2004". The Public Roundtable will be held on Friday, September 17, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a time change. The original Public Roundtable was scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m., however, due to a scheduling conflict, the time of the hearing has been changed to 1:00 p.m.

**Bill 15-873**, the "Disability Compensation Effective Administration Amendment Act of 2004" proposes to amend the District of Columbia Government Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to establish time periods for the District to begin payment of compensable claims and furnish medical services, establish a time period, in which injuries must be reported by District agencies, establish a time period for utilization review decisions, provide an opportunity for a claimant to appeal a utilization review decision, provide that the medical opinion of a treating physician shall be accorded great weight, establish a time period for the District to complete its investigation of an alleged injury, and provide attorney fees for successful appellant claimants.

**PR 15-879**, the "Chief Risk Officer, James J. Jacobs Confirmation Approval Resolution of 2004" would confirm the mayoral appointment of James J. Jacobs as Chief Risk Officer and head of the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management. The purpose of the Public Roundtable is to formally receive the qualifications of Mr. Jacobs to serve the District of Columbia Government as its Chief Risk Officer and head of the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management and to assess his prior administration of the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management.

Those who wish to testify should contact the Committee on Government Operations at (202) 724-8191, by the close of business on Thursday, September 16, 2004. Witnesses should bring twenty (20) copies of their written testimony to the Public Roundtable. Public witnesses will be permitted a maximum of (5) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Public Roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, John A. Wilson Building, Suite 117, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than Friday, October 1, 2004.