

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Notice of Public Hearing
"Reform of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development"

Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.
Department of Housing and Community Development
801 North Capitol Street, NE, 9th Floor Board Room
Washington, DC 20002

Mr. Robert Pohlman, Chairman, Housing and Community Development Reform Advisory Commission, announces a Public Hearing on the *"Reform of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development"*. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC, 9th Floor Board Room. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the operations and administration of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The Reform Advisory Commission will utilize this input from the public, consistent with DHCD's Consolidated Plan, and make recommendations to the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor for legislative, regulatory and administrative changes to improve the operations and administration of the Department.

If you wish to present oral testimony, contact Ms. Pamela Hillsman, Community Development Resource Specialist, at (202) 442-7256, no later than close of business Monday, July 12, 2004. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation, if any. For Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) relay service, call (800) 201-7165. A sign language interpreter and Spanish translation services will be provided. Written statements may be submitted for the record at the hearing or until close of business, Thursday, July 22, 2004. Written statements may be mailed to: Mr. Robert Pohlman, Chairman, Housing and Community Development Reform Advisory Commission, Coalition for Non-Profit Organizations, 5 Thomas Circle, NW, Suite 209, Washington, DC 20005.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board invites the public to participate in a public hearing on sixteen applications to establish public charter schools in Washington, DC. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13, 2004 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School, 1100 Harvard Street, NW (Columbia Heights Metro – Green Line).

The Board is holding the public hearing as a part of its 2004 application review process. A review of the technical quality of the applications is underway and the Board is now inviting comment from the general public.

During the July 12 and 13 public hearing, proposed public charter schools will be described by applicants. The Board invites the public's participation in the hearing and asks members of the public to testify on the impact proposed public charter schools will have on:

1. students, parents, and the community;
2. other public schools in the District of Columbia; and
3. the quality of education in the city.

Individuals who wish to testify should call the Board's office at (202) 328-2660 by 3:00 PM on the day of the hearing to be placed on the hearing schedule and should send, by July 23, 2004, a written copy of their testimony to the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, 1436 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. Copies of the schedule of applicant presentations will be available, beginning June 25, 2004, from the Board's office and at several locations in the city, including:

Martin Luther King Library
901 G Street, NW

Tenley-Friendship Public Library
Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Marshall Heights Community Development Corporation
3917 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Development Corporation of Columbia Heights
3419 Nineteenth Street, NW

The schedule of applicant presentations is available from the Board's office. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners also have been sent copies for distribution to the public.

Sign and/or Spanish language interpretation will be available upon request. Members of the public needing these services are requested to contact the Board no later than July 7, 2004 so that arrangements can be made.