

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee of the Whole

Notice of Public Hearing

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

Abbreviated Notice

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

BILL B17-942, "PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEARING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2008"

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008, 10:00 A.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill B17-942, the "Public Schools Hearing Amendment Act of 2008." The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. An abbreviated notice is given to comply with Council Rule 501(a)(2).

Bill 17-942, introduced by Chairman Gray, would require the Chancellor of District of Columbia Public Schools to make an estimate of the amount of money that will be required to operate the public schools in the upcoming year available on its website and in each school no later than 21 days prior to the Mayor's submission of the District's budget and financial plan to the Council; require the Chancellor to solicit public input prior to the submission of the District of Columbia Public Schools budget to the Mayor and require the Mayor to conduct a public hearing on public school funding prior to the Mayor's submission of the District's budget and financial plan to the Council; and to delineate the allocations of monies required in the District of Columbia Public Schools budget submitted by the Chancellor.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, or send e-mail to alatta@dccouncil.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, October 24, 2008. They should also bring with them 20 copies of their written testimony or submit one copy of their written testimony by October 27, 2008. Persons presenting 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, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Human Services
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL 17-519, THE "ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES AMENDMENT ACT OF 2007"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.

**THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
HEARING ROOM 500
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces a Public Hearing on Bill 17-519, the "Adoption and Safe Families Act of 2007". The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 10 a.m. in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray and Councilmember Wells introduced, at the request of the mayor, the "Adoption and Safe Families Act of 2007" on December 12, 2007. The purpose of the legislation is to bring the District of Columbia into compliance with the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 and remain eligible for federal funding under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The "Adam Walsh Act" requires the District to perform criminal background checks on all prospective foster and adoptive parents, and eliminates existing agency discretion to "waive" certain disqualifying criminal convictions. The legislation has been in effect on an Emergency and Temporary basis since December 27, 2007.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Vivian McCarter of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at vmccarter@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8191 by no later than Wednesday, November 12, 2008. E-mail contacts to Ms. McCarter should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed 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 to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Human Services

PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

Revised Notice

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON THE

**“REPORT ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENTS AND EMERGENCY
SHELTER CAPACITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA”**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008 10:00 A.M.

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

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces a Public Oversight Roundtable on the Report on Supportive Housing Placements and Emergency Shelter Capacity in the District of Columbia that was submitted to the Council in accordance with Franklin Shelter Closing Requirements Emergency Act of 2008. The Roundtable will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building. This notice has been revised to adjust the date of the Roundtable. The Roundtable will provide the Committee on Human Services with an opportunity to receive a briefing and to question the Executive branch on the report's conclusions. The Report includes the Executive's plan for the transition of the homeless to supportive housing and the provision of supportive services to those being housed. The Executive's plans for housing the homeless during the hypothermia season and the impact of the closure of the Franklin Shelter will also be discussed.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms Vivian McCarter of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at vmccarter@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8191 by Wednesday, October 29, 2008. E-mail contacts to Ms. McCarter should include the residential ward, full name, title, 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 and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the 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 Human Services, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 117, Washington, D.C. 20004 by no later than Friday, November 7, 2008, when the record will be closed.