

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Housing and Workforce Development
Notice of Public Hearing**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MARION BARRY, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B18-54 "Office for Youth Mentoring Establishment Act of 2009";
B18-74 "Office for Ombudsman for Jobs for D.C. Residents Establishment Act of 2009";
B18-183 "Get DC Residents Training for Jobs Now Act of 2009";
B18-188 "Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits Amendment Act of 2009".

Councilmember Marion Barry, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Workforce Development, announces a public hearing on B18-54, the "Office for Youth Mentoring Establishment Act of 2009"; B18-74, the "Office for Ombudsman for Jobs for D.C. Residents Establishment Act of 2009"; B18-183, the "Get DC Residents Training for Jobs Now Act of 2009"; B18-188, the "Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits Amendment Act of 2009". The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

**Thursday, April 23, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Those who wish to testify should contact Drew Hubbard at (202) 727-8230 or dhubbard@dcccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation, and title of organization by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2007. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows each individual 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. The official record will close ten days following the conclusion of the hearing.

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs

Notice of Public Hearing

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS****Announces A Public Hearing****On****B18-103: Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009****On****Thursday, May 28, 2009****10:30 a.m.****Room 500****1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW****Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on B18-103: Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009. The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500, of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

B18-103: Insurance Claims Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2009 creates a cause of action in tort law for plaintiffs who are harmed by bad faith insurance acts such as refusal to pay a claim within 30 days of receipt of sufficient documentation of the insurance claimant's loss. The problem addressed by this bill is the imbalance of power between insurance companies and the insured – under current District law insurance consumers are protected only if their insurance company commits the bad faith offense with enough regularity to make it a “general business practice.” This bill allows an insurance claimant to bring an action in DC Superior Court when an insurer commits a single unfair insurance act.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for representatives of an organization. Those wishing to testify should contact Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2009.

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COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Announces A Public Hearing

On

B18-42: Tenant Protection Act of 2009
B18-92: Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009

On

Thursday, June 4, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Room 500
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Hearing on B18-42: Tenant Protection Act of 2009, and B18-92: Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500, of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

B18-42: Tenant Protection Act of 2009 would prohibit the Mayor from closing a property for any reason unless he has first made a finding that the condition of the property threatens the life, health or safety of the occupants and it is impossible or impracticable to fix the housing violations using the repair fund.

B18-92: Omnibus Rental Housing Amendment Act of 2009 would amend our rental housing laws in numerous ways. First, the bill would allow a tenant to institute an action in Landlord and Tenant Court for violations of the housing code so long as the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs ("DCRA") has failed to either inspect or provide an inspection report. Currently, this court is open only to landlords. Second, the bill would require DCRA to conduct regular, proactive inspections of each residential unit in the District every two years. Third, the bill would require that all documents that get sent to the landlord, including enforcement notices, would be delivered to affected tenants, or posted in public areas if more than one unit is affected. Current law requires that inspections reports be provided to the affected tenants. Fourth, the bill would create certain priorities and requirements for use of the Nuisance

Abatement Fund. Lastly, the bill would provide party status to tenants of buildings subject to condemnation proceedings in a manner similar to the building owners.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for representatives of an organization. Those wishing to testify should contact Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898, by Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Special Committee on Statehood and Self-Determination
Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIR MICHAEL A. BROWN
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATEHOOD AND SELF-DETERMINATION**

**THE STATUS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DC HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
AND THE GUN AMENDMENT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009, 6:30 P.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 412
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Councilmember Michael A. Brown, Chair of the Special Committee on Statehood and Self-Determination, announces a Public Oversight Roundtable regarding the status and implications of the DC House Voting Rights Act and the gun amendment. The Public Oversight Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:30 pm in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Ms. Amy Bellanca, Legislative Counsel to Councilmember Michael A. Brown, at 724-8105, or send e-mail to abellanca@dccouncil.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Friday, April 3, 2009. They should also bring with them 20 copies of their written testimony or submit one copy of their written testimony by Monday, April 6, 2009. 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 Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC, 20004, no later than 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance and Revenue
Notice of Public Roundtable**

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 ROUNDTABLE ON

**Bill 18-198, the “Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”; and
Bill 18-199, the “CEMI-Ridgecrest – Walter Washington Community Center Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”**

**Friday, April 3, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.
Room 123 - John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public roundtable on Bill 18-198, the “Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”; and Bill 18-199, the “CEMI-Ridgecrest – Walter Washington Community Center Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”. The public roundtable will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 18-198, the “Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”, was introduced by Councilmember Marion Barry, and would exempt from taxation certain property owned by Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. and its affiliates, which is to be developed as low-income senior housing; and provide for equitable real property tax relief.

Bill 18-199, the “CEMI-Ridgecrest – Walter Washington Community Center Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2009”, was introduced by Councilmember Marion Barry, and would provide a real property tax exemption to real property located at lot 0128, in square 6159, property of CEMI - Ridgecrest, Inc-Walter Washington Community Center and to require that taxes and charges currently owed by CEMI-Ridgecrest, Inc., for the real property be paid for through a mortgage agreement entered into between the District and the owner.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the public roundtable. 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, April 1, 2009. 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 record will close ten days following the conclusion of the roundtable. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline. This notice has been abbreviated in order to provide timely notice to the public and to undertake a level of review of the proposed legislation prior to possible action on emergency legislation at the Council's April 7, 2009 legislative session.