

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT
MARY M. CHEH, CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B22-946, the Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act of 2018,
B22-937, the Northwest One Surplus and Disposition Approval Omnibus Act of
2018,
PR22-987, the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club Surplus Declaration and
Approval Resolution of 2018, and
Environmental and Safety Standards at District Buildings, Fields, and Play Spaces**

October 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On October 30, 2018, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B22-946, the Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act of 2018, B22-937, the Northwest One Surplus and Disposition Approval Omnibus Act of 2018, PR22-987, the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club Surplus Declaration and Approval Resolution of 2018, and environmental and safety standards at District buildings, fields, and play spaces. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

B22-946 would set clear standards for how the Department of General Services is to test artificial turf fields owned or maintained by the District. It also prescribes specific field safety standards, and requirements for when and how DGS must close and repair a field following a failed safety test. Finally, the legislation lays out how DGS is to provide notice to community members, agency partners, and the Council of field closures, remediation plans, and other information regarding field safety. B22-937 would declare and approve as surplus District-owned property located in Ward 6 at 33 K St., N.W. and 1010 North Capitol Street, N.W., known as Northwest One. PR 22-987 would declare and approve as surplus District-owned property located in Ward 6 at 261 17th Street, S.E., known as the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club.

At the hearing, the Committee will also seek testimony on environmental and safety standards at District buildings, fields, and play spaces. Specifically, the Committee will seek updates on implementation of the Healthy Schools Act, lead testing at our public schools, ongoing sustainability and energy management initiatives, and best practices for ensuring our schools, parks, playgrounds, and other public spaces are safe and properly maintained.

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 should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at (202) 724-8062

or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Persons representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony. Individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony. Witnesses should bring eight copies of their written testimony and should submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us.

If you are unable to testify in person, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Benjamin at the following address: Committee on Transportation and the Environment, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 108, Washington, D.C. 20004. Statements may also be e-mailed to abenjamin@dccouncil.us or faxed to (202) 724-8118. The record will close at the end of the business day on November 13, 2018.