COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE

on

Thursday, September 17, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Hearing via Zoom
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on

Bill 23-0623, the “Condominium Warranty Claims Clarification Amendment Act of 2020”
Bill 23-0601, the “Condominium Warranty Amendment Act of 2020”
Bill 23-0568, the “Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act of 2019”
Bill 23-0696, the “Limited Equity Cooperative Advisory Council Act of 2020”

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, will hold a public hearing on Bill 23-0643, Bill 23-0601, Bill 23-0568, and Bill 23-0696. The hearing will take place via Zoom.

The purpose of Bill 23-0623 is to establish a time frame and process to resolve warranty claims that arise under the act. The bill clarifies that the Mayor may refer disputed claims to the Office of Administrative Hearings, among other things.

The purpose of Bill 23-0601 is to clarify the implementation of the condominium warranty against structural defects and transfers the administration of the warranty to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The bill also requires DCRA to maintain an online record of the warranty security amounts and make the information searchable on the web by the public.

The purpose of Bill 23-0568 is to increase the maximum and minimum amounts of down payment assistance for Home Purchase Assistance to $100,000 and $30,000 respectively. The bill also provides a home repair grant of a maximum of $15,000 and removes certain funding limitations for 203K renovation loans among other things.

The purpose of Bill 23-0696 is to establish a Limited Equity Cooperative Advisory Council to provide policy recommendations to assist District residents and the District government with improving and establishing limited equity cooperatives.
Persons who wish to testify are requested to either email the Committee at housing@dccouncil.us or telephone the Committee at (202) 724-8198, at least two days before the hearing and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title. Each witness will receive an individual Zoom invitation for the hearing in a separate e-mail. Witnesses are encouraged to submit an electronic version of their testimony to housing@dccouncil.us. Oral testimony will be limited to 3 minutes.

All Councilmembers will receive an individual Zoom invitation for the hearing in a separate email. If a Councilmember does not have a separate link for each, please contact Irene Kang at ikang@dccouncil.us.

The hearing can be also be viewed at http://www.dccouncil.us and http://entertainment.dc.gov.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation or require sign language interpretation are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If someone is unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite G6, Washington, D.C. 20004 or by email at housing@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020.