

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Virtual Hearing via WebEx
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on

Bill 23-0537, the “Senior Co-Living Establishment Act of 2019”

Bill 23-0643, the “Keeping Cool Elderly Tenants and Tenants with Disability Act of 2020”

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, will hold a public hearing on Bill 23-0537 and Bill 23-0643. The hearing will take place via a web conferencing platform at 9:00 AM. The hearing can be also be viewed at <http://www.dccouncil.us> and <http://entertainment.dc.gov>.

The purpose of Bill 23-0537 is to establish a Senior Co-Living Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide financial assistance to support senior homeowners to rent spare rooms to other senior residents. The bill requires homeowners to include proof that the applicant is 60 years or older and that the residence is the applicant’s primary place of residence and that it is owned by the applicant.

The purpose of Bill 23-0643 is to require housing providers to provide air conditioning equipment that can maintain a room temperature of 78 degrees Fahrenheit or below to units that are rented by elderly tenants and tenants with a disability, upon request by the tenant. With the global rise in temperature, both groups are increasingly at risk of the consequences of heat-related illnesses.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up in advance by contacting the Committee by e-mail at housing@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business on Monday, October 19, 2020. Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to housing@dccouncil.us. Witnesses will participate remotely and using video and audio connection. The Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide

testimony through a web conferencing platform. All witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to testify.

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee at housing@dccouncil.us of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the hearing. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) 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 Friday, October 23, 2020.