

TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD  
REVITALIZATION

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Good Morning Council Member Barnes and other members of The Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee. I am Guleford J. Bobo, Chairman of The District of Columbia Commission on Aging. I thank the committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Commission on Aging.

The Commission has served in several roles in FY 20 and FY 21. The roles of the commission have ranged from advising the Mayor, The Director of the Department of Aging and Community Living, The Council of the District of Columbia and the public to directly providing assistance to seniors.

The Commission has worked with:

- \*The staff of Mayor Bowser and City Council Members to keep seniors up to date on efforts to address the pandemic.

- \*City departments including The Department of Aging and Community Living, The Department of Health, The Department of Recreation, Health and Human Services and the Office of The Peoples Council to provide information and resources.

\*Age Friendly D C to recruit seniors to fill a need for health care aides with seniors searching for employment.

\*Non-profit organizations to distribute food to seniors.

\*Seniors to register and get to COVID-19 distribution sites.

\*Department of Aging and Community Living lead agencies, Wellness Centers and Senior Villages to get information and resources to seniors.

The Commission has lost several of its members. The commission is seeking members of the community to serve as commissioners. Ward 3 and Ward 6 do not have representation on the commission.