

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**PR24-0133, THE “CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER FRANCISCO DIAZ
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2021”**

**B24-0148, THE “OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”**

AND

B24-0203, THE “MEDICAL EXAMINER RECORDS PRIVACY ACT OF 2021”

Monday, May 3, 2021, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Hearing via Zoom

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On Monday, May 3, 2021, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public hearing on Proposed Resolution 24-0133, the “Chief Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz Confirmation Resolution of 2021”, Bill 24-0148, the “Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Amendment Act of 2021”, and Bill 24-0203, the “Medical Examiner Records Privacy Act of 2021”. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The stated purpose of PR24-0133, the “Chief Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz Confirmation Resolution of 2021”, is to confirm Dr. Francisco Diaz as the District’s Chief Medical Examiner, for a six-year term.

The stated purpose of B24-0148, the “Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Amendment Act of 2021”, is to amend the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000 to authorize the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to provide ancillary services and to establish the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Fund.

The stated purpose of B24-0203, the “Medical Examiner Records Privacy Act of 2021”, is to amend the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000 and the Freedom of Information Act of 1976 to protect the confidentiality of medical examiner case records.

The Committee invites the public to provide oral and/or written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide oral testimony at the Committee’s hearing must thoroughly review the following instructions:

- Anyone wishing to provide oral testimony must email the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us with their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by the **close of business on Monday, April 26.**
- The Committee will approve witnesses’ registrations based on the total time allotted for public testimony. The Committee will also determine the order of witnesses’ testimony.
- Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals (and any subsequent representatives of the same organizations) will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.
- Witnesses are not permitted to yield their time to, or substitute their testimony for, the testimony of another individual or organization.
- If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.
- Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation are requested to inform the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the hearing may not be fulfilled.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on Monday, May 10.**