

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
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COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

LOCAL CONTROL OF PAROLE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Virtual Roundtable via Zoom

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On Thursday, May 6, 2021, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will convene a public oversight roundtable to consider “Local Control of Parole in the District of Columbia”. The roundtable will be held virtually via the Zoom platform from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public witnesses will testify from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by government witnesses from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The District’s criminal justice system is a complex web of federal and local jurisdiction, with many components exclusively controlled and funded by the federal government and accountable only to federal decisionmakers. One such example is the District’s parole grant and revocation functions, which are overseen by the U.S. Parole Commission, an opaque federal agency without District resident leadership. This lack of autonomy and local control over parole has very real impacts on District residents and those subject to the District’s criminal laws. The purpose of this public oversight roundtable is to explore those impacts and chart a path forward for a District parole authority.

The Committee invites the public to provide oral and written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide oral testimony at the Committee’s roundtable 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 Tuesday, May 4.**
- 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 roundtable. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the roundtable may not be fulfilled.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, 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 Friday, May 14.**