#### **COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

#### ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Bill 24-700, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022

Thursday, April 7, 2022, Noon

### Virtual hearing via Zoom and

Facebook Live at https://www.facebook.com/CMElissaSilverman

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole's Subcommittee on Redistricting, announces a public hearing to consider Bill 24-700, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022. The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Noon.

Every ten years, the District uses the data from the decennial Census to adjust the boundaries of election wards, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), and single-member districts. Ward boundaries were previously adjusted in the Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2021, effective February 24, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-74). Based on the adjusted ward boundaries, ward task forces are currently considering adjustments to the boundaries of ANC areas and single-member districts. The ward task force reports are due April 1, 2022.

The introduced version of Bill 24-700 contains several substantive provisions but omits the adjusted boundaries. Based on the ward task force reports, the legislation will be amended through the regular legislative process to include boundaries.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an initial opportunity for the public to testify about the ward task force reports and the adjustment of ANC and SMD boundaries. The Subcommittee plans to hold a second hearing on Bill 24-700 in late April or May. The Subcommittee plans to mark up Bill 24-700 in the third week of May. In order to establish ANC and SMD boundaries in time for them to be used for the November 8, 2022 general election, the Council will need to consider and approve Bill 24-700 on first reading by May 24, 2022, and on final reading no later than June 7, 2022.

Witnesses may use their phone or computer to participate in this virtual hearing. Those who wish to testify at the hearing must sign up no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, by providing their information using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/hZPjsSDejcn9a8N66">https://forms.gle/hZPjsSDejcn9a8N66</a>. Witnesses must provide their name, email address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and position (if any), as well whether they require language interpretation or sign language interpretation. Witnesses who require language interpretation or sign language interpretation are requested to email the Subcommittee at <a href="mailto:redistricting@dccouncil.us">redistricting@dccouncil.us</a> as soon as possible, but no

later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, stating their need for interpretation and requested language. The Council's Office of the Secretary will fulfill timely requests for language interpretation services; however, requests received later than Tuesday, April 5, may not be fulfilled due to vendor availability.

On Wednesday, April 6, the Subcommittee will email witnesses who signed up by April 5, to provide instructions for participating in the hearing via the Zoom platform. Those planning to testify are encouraged to submit an electronic copy of written testimony by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, so that staff may distribute testimonies to Committee members and staff before the hearing.

If anyone is unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to <a href="redistricting@decouncil.us">redistricting@decouncil.us</a>. Additionally, the public may provide testimony by voice mail by calling (202) 350-1521, stating and spelling the witness's name, stating any organizational affiliation, and speaking slowly to provide a statement to be transcribed and included in the record. The Subcommittee record on Bill 24-700 will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022. Residents can also find more information about the redistricting process at <a href="https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting">https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting</a>.