**Council of the District of Columbia**

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DRAFT Agenda & Witness List**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson**

**Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety**

**Announces a Public Hearing on**

**B23-0723, the “Rioting Modernization Amendment Act of 2020”**

**B23-0771, the “Internationally Banned Chemical Weapon Prohibition Amendment Act of 2020”**

**and**

**B23-0882, the “Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2020”**

**Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Hearing via Zoom**

**To Watch Live:**

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<http://video.oct.dc.gov/DCC/jw.html>

**AGENDA AND WITNESS LIST**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **OPENING REMARKS**
3. **WITNESS TESTIMONY**
4. Public Witnesses

Panel 1

1. John Ayala, Mid-Atlantic Operations Director, D.C. Chapter, Alliance of Guardian Angels
2. Monica Hopkins-Maxwell, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia
3. Ruth Lindberg, Manager, Health Impact Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts
4. Premal Dharia, Public Witness
5. Thomas Susman, President, D.C. Open Government Coalition
6. Mana Azarmi, Policy Counsel, Center for Democracy and Technology
7. Grayson Clary, Stanton National Security Fellow, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press
8. Jonathan Blanks, Visiting Fellow in Criminal Justice, Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity
9. Akhi Johnson, Deputy Director, Reshaping Prosecution Program, Vera Institute of Justice
10. Richard Gilbert, Chair, Legislative Committee, District of Columbia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
11. Victoria Clark, Managing Attorney, Clark Law PLLC

Panel 2

1. Yvette Alexander, Public Policy Chair, Metropolitan Washington D.C. Chapter, Coalition of 100 Black Women
2. James Berry, Chair, MPD Citizens Advisory Council
3. Robert Pittman, Chair, 1D Citizens Advisory Council
4. Brenda Lee Richardson, Public Witness
5. Georgine Wallace, Community Facilitator, PSA 103/105
6. Debbie Smith-Steiner, Public Witness
7. Gregg Pemberton, Chair, D.C. Police Union
8. Patrick Burke, Executive Director, D.C. Police Foundation

Panel 3

1. Robert Vinson Brannum, Commissioner, ANC 5E08
2. Anthony Lorenzo Green, Commissioner, ANC 7C04
3. Salim Adofo, Commissioner, ANC 8C07
4. Bobbi Strang, President, Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance
5. Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, Executive Director, Partnership for Civil Justice Fund
6. Nick Robinson, Legal Advisor, U.S. Program, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Panel 4

1. Patrice Sulton, Director, D.C. Justice Lab
2. Beverly Smith, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
3. Virginia Spatz, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
4. Diontre Davis, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
5. Sabrin Qadi, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
6. Jordan Crunkleton, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
7. Emily Friedman, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
8. Katrina Jackson, Student Director, D.C. Justice Lab
9. Alexis Mayer, Student Director, D.C. Justice Lab
10. Victoria McCullough, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
11. Brandon Spreckels, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
12. Iris Benson-Sulzer, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab
13. Marlene Aiyejinmi, Volunteer, D.C. Justice Lab

Panel 5

1. Cynthia Lee, Edward F. Howrey Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School
2. Jestelle Hanrahan, Public Witness
3. Rachel Gale, Public Witness
4. Jonathan Carter, Public Witness
5. Steve Boughton, Public Witness
6. Lane Kauer, Public Witness
7. Josephine Ross, Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law
8. Kaylah Alexander, Public Witness
9. Leah Wilson, Member, Students Taking Action Against National Discrimination

Panel 6

1. Kymone Freeman, Co-Founder, We Act Radio
2. Makia Green, Organizer, D.C. Working Families Party
3. Franklyn Malone, CEO/Founder, The 100 Fathers, Inc./Co-Chair, D.C. Fatherhood Coalition
4. April Goggans, Core Organizer, Black Lives Matter D.C.
5. Nikita Easley, Policy Attorney, D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence
6. Elisabeth Olds, SAVRAA Independent Expert Consultant

Panel 7

1. Naomi Adaniya, Public Witness
2. Gidget Benitez, Public Witness
3. Claudia Barragan, Public Witness
4. Larry Lewis, Public Witness
5. Tam Haye, Public Witness
6. Gavin Nelson, Public Witness

Panel 8

1. Samantha Davis, Founder/Executive Director, The Black Swan Academy
2. Eduardo Ferrer, Policy Director, Juvenile Justice Initiative, Georgetown Law
3. Qubilah Huddleston, Education Policy Analyst, D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute
4. Yafet Girmay, Vice Chair of International Affairs, Washington DC Chapter, National Black United Front
5. Michael Payne, Interim Advocacy Director, Physicians for Human Rights
6. Dr. Ranit Mishori, Senior Medical Advisor, Physicians for Human Rights

Panel 9

1. Lauren Spokane, Board Member, Jews United for Justice
2. Hannah Garelick, Community Organizer, Jews United for Justice
3. Rebecca AbuRakia-Einhorn, Member, Jews United for Justice
4. Logan Bayroff, Member, Jews United for Justice
5. Alana Eichner, Member, Jews United for Justice
6. Rebecca Ennen, Member, Jews United for Justice
7. Hannah Weilbacher, Member, Jews United for Justice

Panel 10

1. Rick Ammirato, Executive Director, D.C. BID Council
2. Joe Sternlieb, CEO/President, Georgetown Business Improvement District
3. Bill Mefford, Executive Director, The Festival Center
4. Alexander Pope, III, President/CEO, The Pope Companies
5. Jeffrey Schonberger, Principal, Alturas Real Estate Interests, LLC

Panel 11

1. Megan Macaraeg, Interim Executive Director, Many Languages One Voice
2. Marques Banks, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
3. Rebecca Burney, Attorney & Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Rights4Girls
4. Harlan Yu, Executive Director, Upturn
5. Samuel Bonar, Co-Director, Delicious Democracy
6. Rebecca Shaeffer, Legal Director, Fair Trials
7. Gavin Laughland, Member, SURJ DC

Panel 12

1. Ntebo Mokuena, Public Witness
2. Raymond Blanks, Public Witness
3. Peter Krupa, Public Witness
4. Mary Beth Tinker, Public Witness
5. Benjamin Merrick, Public Witness
6. Christopher Bangs, Public Witness
7. Imara Crooms, Public Witness
8. Kate Taylor Mighty, Public Witness
9. Alison Boland-Reeves, Public Witness
10. Laura Petersen, Public Witness
11. Katherine Crowder, Public Witness

Panel 13

1. Harper Jean Tobin, Public Witness
2. Katlyn Cotton, Public Witness
3. Sean Young, Public Witness
4. Gautham Venugopalan, Public Witness
5. Olufemi Taiwo, Public Witness
6. Zac Hoffman, Public Witness
7. Eric Lewitus, Public Witness
8. Sarah Greenbaum, Public Witness
9. Wade McMullen, Public Witness
10. Joseph Van Wye, Public Witness
11. Rob Hart, Public Witness
12. Government Witnesses
    1. Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., Interim Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
    2. Chief Peter Newsham, Metropolitan Police Department
    3. Michael Tobin, Executive Director, Office of Police Complaints
    4. Niquelle Allen, Director, Office of Open Government, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability
    5. Richard Schmechel, Executive Director, Criminal Code Reform Commission
    6. Katya Semyonova, Special Counsel to the Director for Policy, Public Defender Service for D.C.
    7. Elana Suttenberg, Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney for Legislative Affairs, United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia
13. **ADJOURNMENT**