

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

Expulsion of Councilmember Jack Evans for Code of Conduct Violations

on

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

12:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Legislative Meeting)

Room 500, Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Council of the District of Columbia on the Expulsion of Councilmember Jack Evans for Code of Conduct Violations. This hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Legislative Meeting) on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in Room 500, the Council Chambers of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee in the Matter of Councilmember Jack Evans to expel Councilmember Evans from the Council, pursuant to Council Rule 656. On July 9, 2019, the Council adopted a resolution authorizing investigation of Councilmember Jack Evans for alleged violations of the Council's Code of Conduct. On October 8, 2019, Chairman Mendelson appointed an Ad Hoc Committee in anticipation of the investigatory report. The Ad Hoc Committee held a number of meetings to review the investigatory report and on December 10, 2019, the Ad Hoc Committee adopted its findings and recommended that Councilmember Evans be expelled from the Council.

Specifically, the Ad Hoc Committee Report found that "Mr. Evans, over the course of the investigative period, took action to trade his Council influence, votes, and prestige of office for hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments from prohibited sources. The facts as developed also show his repeated failure to make the required full and complete financial disclosures." The report additionally found that "Mr. Evans's misconduct constitutes a pattern and practice of sustained and repeated violations of the Council's Code of Conduct... The members of the Ad Hoc Committee conclude that the prolonged and sustained nature of his wrongdoing is egregious." The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that "Mr. Evans be expelled from the Council, pursuant to Council Rule 656."

On December 17, 2019, Chairman Phil Mendelson moved to set the matter of Expulsion of Councilmember Jack Evans for Code of Conduct Violations for a hearing before the Council, pursuant to Council Rule 656. This hearing notice is in response to the adoption of that motion. At the hearing, the Council will consider the charges against Councilmember Evans, including that he violated Rule I of the Council's Code of Conduct by substantially participating in particular

matters for the financial benefit of his clients and Rule XI(c)(1) of the Council's Code of Conduct by failing to file full and complete financial disclosure statements in accordance with the Government Ethics Act.

This hearing will be a quasi-judicial proceeding. Rules of evidence and judicial procedure applicable in courts are not applicable to the hearing. Councilmember Evans may be represented by a person of his choice, whether or not the person is an attorney, and may have that representative speak or question witnesses on his behalf. There will be no testimony from the public. Chairman Mendelson and Councilmember Evans will make opening statements. Councilmember Evans, or his representative, will make his case. Witnesses may be called by either side, however, pursuant to Council Rule 653(g)(3), testimony can only be taken from witnesses having direct knowledge of facts or circumstances relevant to the specific charges under consideration. Councilmembers will have up to 10 minutes each to question any witnesses. Councilmember Evans's representative may question witnesses on his behalf. Both sides will then make any closing statements.