### CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

on

**PR 23-660,** **“Urban Renewal Plan for the Shaw School Urban Renewal Area and Downtown Urban Renewal Area Termination Approval Resolution of 2020”**

on

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 2:00 p.m.**

**(or immediately following preceding hearing)**

**Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

 Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable before the Committee of Whole on PR 23-660, “Urban Renewal Plan for the Shaw School Urban Renewal Area and Downtown Urban Renewal Area Termination Approval Resolution of 2020.” The roundtable will be held **Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** (or immediately following the preceding hearing)in **Hearing Room 412** of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The stated purpose of **PR 23-660** is to approve modifications to the Urban Renewal Plans for the Shaw School Urban Renewal Area and the Downtown Urban Renewal Area. These modifications were approved by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on December 5, 2019. In 1969, NCPC adopted the Shaw School and Downtown Urban Renewal Plans. Since adoption, the two plans guided rehabilitation and renewal of the two designated areas, albeit with a number of negative consequences. Both the Executive and NCPC agree that the standards contained in the plans are now outdated and no longer align with current zoning and planning initiatives. In response, the Office of Planning asked NCPC to consider an early end to the two urban renewal areas that are set to otherwise terminate in 2028 unless the Council approves NCPC’s action.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Evan Cash at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Friday, February 21, 2020.**  Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony.  If submitted by the close of business on February 21, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the roundtable.  Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.  Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on http://lims.dccouncil.us.  Roundtable materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation, 24 hours in advance of the roundtable.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record.  Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.  The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2020.