

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

PR 23-696, Sense of the Council Opposing Implementation of Public Charge Rule Resolution of 2020

on

**Monday, March 2, 2020
2:00 p.m., 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 the Whole on PR 23-696, the “Sense of the Council Opposing Implementation of Public Charge Rule Resolution of 2020.” The roundtable will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of PR 23-696 is to oppose the implementation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) public charge rule, which was deemed allowable in a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling issued on January 27, 2020. Prior to this ruling, a nationwide injunction prevented implementation of the rule. This rule will make it easier for DHS to deny entry or legal status to individuals deemed likely to require government assistance. On February 24, 2020, the Trump Administration will begin to implement the rule.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Christina Setlow at (202) 724-4865, and provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Thursday, February 27, 2020**. 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 27, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. 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>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, 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 Monday, March 2, 2020.

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For reasonable accommodation requests, please inform the Committee of the Whole of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the roundtable. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.