

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

PR 24-238, African American Civil War Museum Installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue Approval Resolution of 2021

on

**Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
(or immediately following the preceding hearing)**

Chairman's Website (<http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/Live>)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on **PR 24-238**, the African American Civil War Museum Installation of the Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue Approval Resolution of 2021." The hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The stated purpose of PR 24-238 is to approve the installation of a commemorative work, to be known as the "Abraham Lincoln Spirit of Freedom Emancipation Statue," on the public space adjacent to the African American Civil War Museum. The site is located in front of the historic Archibald Grimke School at 1925 Vermont Avenue N.W., and is across the street from the existing African American Civil War Memorial. Under the Commemorative Works Act, the sponsor of a proposed commemorative work on public space may submit an application through the Office of Planning and the Commemorative Works Committee (CWC). The Commemorative Works Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and the Council and may recommend an application for approval, which it did on May 3, 2021. The Council must approve a proposed commemorative work by resolution or act.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. **Testimony is limited to four minutes.** 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. If you have additional questions, please contact Destiny Riley, Committee Assistant, at (202) 724-8196.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony is highly encouraged and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voicemail (up to 3 minutes – which will be transcribed – by calling (202) 430-6948). Testimony received by close of business on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation> prior to the hearing. 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 cow@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00pm on June 28, 2021.