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Councilmember Bowser hosts stakeholders at brown bag session on business code update

Washington, DC – Today Councilmember Muriel Bowser held an informational brown bag lunch session to introduce and familiarize stakeholders with the “District of Columbia Official Code Title 29 (Business Organizations) Enactment Act.” The bill is pending in the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, which she chairs.

The bill was co-introduced by Councilmembers Bowser and Mary Cheh in October and its purpose is to completely revise and update the District’s code dealing with business organizations.

The Committee is partnering with a large group of business community stakeholders to host these sessions, including the DC Chamber of Commerce, DC Building Industry Association, Greater Washington Board of Trade, DC Hospital Association, Hotel Association of DC, and Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.

A second brown bag lunch session will be geared towards nonprofit entities, which are a large contingent of businesses in the District. It will take place from noon-1:30 p.m. on January 27 in room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, located at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. A public hearing on the bill will be held at 3 p.m. on February 11 in room 500 of the Wilson Building.

Councilmember Bowser is concerned with the difficulty faced by businesses to operate in the District. She said, “We want to be first not fifty-first in how businesses perceive our climate. This bill is a big step in that direction.

“These sessions offer an opportunity to open up a dialogue with the communities that this bill will affect the most. It is important that the business community is involved at the earliest stage possible to make sure we get it right.”

For more information, call the Committee office at 202-741-0898.

Upcoming public meeting: Councilmember Bowser is holding a public oversight roundtable on the quality of service of the District’s regulated utilities, at 10 a.m. on January 23 in room 500 at the Wilson Building.

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A native Washingtonian and former ANC commissioner, Councilmember Muriel Bowser is Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. She is also a member of the Committees on: Economic Development, Human Services, Public Works and Transportation, and Public Safety and the Judiciary. Visit www.murielbowser.com for more information.

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