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Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable
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**COUNCILMEMBER MARY M. CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

Improving Transparency: Open Government in the District

October 14, 2009

10:00 AM

Room 500

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable to solicit ideas and suggestions on how to make government information more accessible to the public. The public is invited to present testimony on: the process for soliciting information under the District's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); making the regulatory process, including agency rulemaking under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), more user-friendly; government transparency, including budget accessibility and accountability; and how technology can enhance access to government information. The Committee seeks new ways to enhance and improve opportunities for citizens to monitor activities of the District government and scrutinize how District tax dollars are being spent.

The roundtable will begin at 10:00 AM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Anyone wishing to testify at the roundtable should contact Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses should bring 10 copies of their written testimony and submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on October 28, 2009.