

**Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary  
Notice of Public Roundtable**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES  
PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

**Bill 17-951, the "Omnibus Anti-Crime Amendment Act of 2008"**

on

**Friday, December 5, 2008  
12:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004**

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Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public roundtable on Bill 17-951, the Omnibus Anti-Crime Amendment Act of 2008. The roundtable will be held at 12:00 p.m. on December 5, 2008, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice is revised to reflect a new date and time.**

Bill 17-951 was introduced on October 6, 2008. This comprehensive legislation includes 21 sections amending the D.C. Official Code. Due to the complexity of the overall bill, the limited time remaining in Council Period 17, and the importance of these various issues, this roundtable will focus on three primary matters. First, gun provisions including language to make the discharge of a weapon without a permit from the Chief of Police a felony offense; and to increase the penalty for the crime of felon in possession of a firearm to imprisonment for not more than 10 years with a mandatory-minimum term of 2 years or if the prior felony is a crime of violence to imprisonment for not more than 15 years with a mandatory-minimum of five years. Second, establishment of anti-gang provisions. Third, establishing witness protection provisions to enable the court to order measures to prohibit disclosure of identifying information. These provisions, about which the Committee is most urgently concerned, are Sections 101, 103, 201, 208, and 217 of the bill.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Heidi Tseu, Committee Clerk, at (202) 724-8038, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at [htseu@dccouncil.us](mailto:htseu@dccouncil.us), and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Wednesday, December 3, 2008. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Ms. Tseu, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008.