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Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs
Notice of Public Roundtable
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COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Announces A Public Roundtable

On

**Implementation of the Proactive Inspections Program by the Department of Consumer and
Regulatory Affairs**

On

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Room 412
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, announces a Public Roundtable on the Implementation of the Proactive Inspections Program by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The roundtable will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The purpose of this public roundtable is to hear testimony regarding DCRA's implementation of the proactive inspections program. The proactive inspections program is designed to inspect all multi-unit rental properties in the District of Columbia. Until now, all residential building-wide inspections were completed only after receiving complaints from tenants. Under the program, all 4,000 multi-family rental properties in the District will be inspected at least once every 4 years whether or not DCRA ever receives a complaint. Over time this program is meant to dramatically improve the quality of rental housing in the District. During the first six months of the proactive program, DCRA inspected 741 units in 318 properties across all 8 wards and cited property owners with 5,103 code violations. The program will supplement, rather than substitute for, the reactive inspections initiated by tenants.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for witnesses representing organizations. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Davida Crockett of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs via email at dcrockett@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 741-0898 by Monday, December 14, 2009. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2009.