



## 06/18 FULL COUNCIL PRE-MEETING

Issued: 01 July 2024

<b>Purpose</b>	Pre-meeting to the ICH Full Council, focused on gathering feedback from constituents.		
<b>Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> 18 June 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 pm	<b>Location:</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (901 G St NW)
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Participants:</b> 84	<b>Organizations:</b> 35	Detailed list below meeting notes
<b>Key</b>	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Areas of Concern or Risk	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Opportunities for Improvement	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Progress/Trends to Celebrate

### I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

ICH Executive Director, Theresa Silla, began the meeting by welcoming Full Council representatives and the public to the Pre-Meeting. She reviewed the agenda, which consisted of a Swearing-In Ceremony for Full Council Members Nominated in 2022 and a panel discussion for priorities top of mind as well as the budget. She also explained the process for Public Comments during the Full Council meeting.

Assistant City Administrator (ACA) Chris Rodriguez expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in his second Full Council meeting. He highlighted the ongoing heat emergency and emphasized the Council's focus on ensuring the safety of people experiencing homelessness during extreme weather, drawing on his experience with HSEMA.

Reference Materials		
<b>PPT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recording Conventions</li> <li>Meeting Agenda</li> <li>Notes for Pre-Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>1 - 4</b>

### II. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Vida Rangel, Associate Director for Health & Partnerships in the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) officiated the swearing-in of the ICH Full Council Members who were nominated in 2022. ACA Rodriguez invited the newly appointed members to introduce themselves and share what they bring to the ICH.

Detailed notes from the introductions are captured on slides 7 – 8 of the PPT. The summary is included below for easy reference.

- Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities) has been in the District for 16 years and is passionate about serving people. She shared personal family experiences and how they have impacted her career as a social worker.
- Reginald Black (Serve Your City) is a native of DC who experienced homelessness for a decade, having lived through gentrification and displacement. He brings experience as a young black male and now focuses on advocacy and journalism.
- Qaadir El-Amin (People for Fairness Coalition) shared that being a part of the ICH gives him the strength to do the work. He highlighted what he gains from the other ICH members.
- Shellon Fraser (National Housing Trust, Inc.) has served on the Housing Solutions CMTE since 2021, working on housing production. She shared personal life experience and desire to make things better for people who look like her.
- Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home) practiced law and did national-level policy work related to homelessness. She shared personal life experiences and has seen firsthand barriers that prevent access to services.
- Catherine Crosland (Unity Healthcare) is a DC native who has been working for 15 years as a primary care doctor for people experiencing homelessness. Concerned with the aging population and the need for medical respite.
- Kate Coventry (DC Fiscal Policy Institute) has been a part of the ICH since 2014 and is on the steering committee for the Way Home Campaign. Concerned about the lack of resources, encampment clearings, and the aging population.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes for Swearing-In</li> <li>• Notes on 2022 Nominee Introductions</li> </ul>	6 - 8

### III. DISCUSSION

Director Silla opened the discussion section of the pre-meeting to include all Full Council representatives, including those nominees under mayoral review and the public audience.

#### A. COMMENTS FROM FULL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Live meeting notes, comments and questions are captured on slides 10 - 11 of the PPT.

Topic areas are summarized below for easy reference.

- ■ Concern over the budget.
- ■ Focus on youth in encampments.
- ■ Need for long-term investment in youth to end homelessness.
- ■ Urgency for immediate and long-term investment decisions.
- ■ Excitement about CCNV redevelopment to PSH and shift to a smaller shelter.
- ■ Frustration over slow housing process and stigma.
- ■ Need for improved medical care for people in PSH.
- ■ Recognition of growth in programs and funding over the years, despite continued shortfalls.
- ■ Advocacy and support needed for returning citizens to prevent their homelessness.

- ■ Focus on the needs of young people in school system experiencing homelessness.
- ■ DHCD's commitment to supporting housing development.

Reference Materials		
<b>PPT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes on Council Enhancements</li> <li>• Notes on Comments from Full Council Members and Agency Directors</li> </ul>	<b>10 - 11</b>

## B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Live meeting notes, comments and questions are captured on slides 12 – 15 of the PPT.

Topic areas are summarized below for easy reference.

- ■ Recommendation to use vacant spaces in the District for shelter or housing in the community.
- ■ Frustration over delays in securing housing vouchers.
- ■ Opportunity to partner with banks on employment, financing and housing.
- ■ Concern with ongoing stigma and lack of empathy towards homeless individuals.
- ■ Interest in cross-cutting work for homelessness and returning citizens.
- ■ Advocacy for more Spanish speaking staff across all services.
- ■ Focus on pathways to education, including suggestion for shelters with section for college students.
- ■ Request for more public speaking time to heal and share.
- ■ Request for more oversight of housing developers.

Reference Materials		
<b>PPT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes on Comments from the Public</li> <li>• Written Comments from the Public</li> <li>• Closing Thoughts</li> </ul>	<b>12 - 15</b>

## IV. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

ACA Rodriguez and Director Silla adjourned the pre-meeting and invited attendees to return for the Full Council meeting.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> 10 September 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 pm	<b>Location:</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (901 G St NW)
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Participant List (84 Participants, 35 Organizations)		
Full Council Members (23 Participants, 23 Organizations)		
Chris Rodriguez (ACA, Chair) Ciana Creighton (DMHHS) Theresa Silla (ICH)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC) Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC)	Reginald Black (ICH CEWG, PFFC) Adam Rocap (Miriam's Kitchen) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)

Robert Matthews (CFSA) Valerie Piper (DHCD) Robin Diggs (DOH) Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) Jacqueline Williams (DOC) Dana McDaniel (DOES) Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE)	Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Catherine Crosland (Unity HealthCare) Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.) Daniel Rico (Sasha Bruce) Rico Harris (CCNV) Qadir El-Amin (ICH CEWG, PFFC)	Roxanne Murray (Echelon) Nikila Smith (Street Sense Vendor) Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities) Tom Fredericksen (TCP)
<b>General Attendees (55 Participants, 16 Organizations)</b>		
Note: Organization is listed where known to ICH or indicated on the meeting's written sign-in sheet.		
Akoma Love Grace Ojewia Chris Cole Sierra Barnedo (SMYAL) Diana Fitz Dedrick Wilson Lindsay Curtin (DHS) Rebecca Dooley (DMHHS) Netra Ranganathan (DMHHS) Gail Kohn (Age Friendly, DMHHS) Ethan Walling (Age Friendly, DMHHS) John Thompson Julie Gordon Matthew Woods Queenie Featherstone (PFFC) Simeon Prince Willie Futrelle Molly Portia Robertson Migas (N Street)	L. Brooks CK Hopkins Jennifer Olney (GWCF) Patricia Fielder Charles Thornton (OHR) Nkechi Feaster Terril Acker Amazing! Umi (Concerned Citizen) Michael Coleman Maurice Spears (Concerned Citizen) Elisha Rolling Ockeshia Pompey (DCHA) Anton Shaw (DCHA) Nigel N. Allen Reginald Lee Curtis Young Milton Steele (PNC)	Robert Warren (PFFC) Brittany Haoui Kevin Bauer (SMYAL) Megan Simpson Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense) Gary Bridges Ronnell Wilson Taylor Bush (GMC) Rebecca Kellett (GMC) Clifton Lewis (Access Housing) Samantha LeBlanc (TCP) Lauren Havoc (TCP) Alicia Weaver (TCP) Lauren Markovich (TCP) Sarah Flinspach (TCP) Kenneth Beck Dan Fehciano Solange Ogaja (PNC) Joseph DeBord
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