

Budget Preparation for DC Council FY '25 Budget Oversight Hearings

Wednesday, March 27
6:00pm

COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE, SR.
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE WARD 8 DEMOCRATS, INC.
PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER
**TRAYON
WHITE**
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BUDGET PREPARATION

**NEW
DATE!**

Wednesday
March 27, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone interested or need assistance with preparing written or verbal testimony for the upcoming budget hearings.

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

MEETING ID: 822 5514 2127

PASSWORD: 202974

<https://tinyurl.com/W8BudgetPrep24>



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Agenda

- Introductions
 - Office of Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.
 - Ward 8 Democrats, Troy Donte' Prestwood, President
- DC Council Budget Process
- Finding your Why!
- Get Engaged!: How to testify at the DC Council
- DC Council Budget Hearings Dates
- Tap into Resources
- Q&A
- Next Steps/Announcements
- Adjourn



FY 2025 Budget Oversight Hearing Schedule

The Mayor will transmit her proposed FY 2025 Budget and Financial Plan and associated documents to the Council on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024.**

DC Council FY '25 Budget Oversight Hearings Key Dates

Key Dates	Budget Activity
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	Mayor Transmits Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan and Associated Documents to the Council of the District of Columbia
Thursday, April 4 – Thursday, May 2, 2024	Agency budget oversight hearings
Friday, May 3, 2024	Budget legislation hearing
Wednesday, May 8 – Friday, May 10, 2024	Committee Mark-ups and Reporting on Agency Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Councilmember Budget Work Session
Friday, May 29, 2024	First Vote by Committee of the Whole and Council consideration of the "Fiscal Year 2025"
Friday, June 12, 2024	Second Vote by Committee of the Whole and Council consideration of the "Fiscal Year 2025"

Councilmember Trayon White's Hearings

April 8 12:00-3:00pm

Department of Parks & Recreation

April 9 12:00-6:00pm

Mayor's Office of African Affairs

Mayor's Office of African American Affairs

Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Mayor's Office of Caribbean Community Affairs

Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs

Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Partnerships (Serve DC)

April 10 12:00-6:00pm

Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment

April 24 9:00am-2:45pm

DC Public Library

April 26 9:00am-3:00pm

Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

WHAT'S YOUR

WHY?



Finding Your Why

- “Your ‘Why’ is a **statement of purpose that describes why you do the work you do and why you live the lifestyle you do**. It is your calling. It is your conviction. It is your mission statement.” *Lifeskillsthatmatter.com*
- “It's important to ask what your why is—**the main thing that gives you a strong sense of purpose and well-being**. Once you crystallize this into a personal mission statement, you can find greater fulfillment, develop more confidence, and make more of a positive impact on people's lives.”
Masterclass.com

8 Tips for Successful Testimony

- 1. Prepare Your Testimony:** Take time to thoroughly prepare your testimony in advance.
- 2. Understand the Budget Process:** Familiarize yourself with the DC Council's budget process.
- 3. Highlight Local Impact:** Emphasize the specific ways budget decisions impact you.
- 4. Focus on Solutions:** Offer constructive solutions and alternatives to address the challenges.
- 5. Leverage Community Resources:** Utilize local community resources and organizations in Ward 8 to strengthen your advocacy efforts.
- 6. Respectful and Professional Conduct:** Maintain a respectful and professional demeanor throughout your testimony.
- 7. Follow-Up with Council Members:** After the hearing, follow up with Council members to thank them for their time and reiterate your key points.
- 8. Stay Engaged Beyond Budget Hearings:** Keep abreast of ongoing budget discussions and decisions beyond the hearings.

Ways to Testify

- **Written Testimony:** You can submit written testimony to each committee before the close of the official hearing record. Written testimony can include additional materials such as photos, illustrations and evidence that back up your reasoning or claims
- **Voicemail Testimony:** Some committees use a unique voicemail number to accept testimony. The voicemail program automatically limits each message to three minutes. At the beginning of the message, please state and spell your name clearly. The voicemail generates an automated transcript of the message, which will be included as written testimony in the committee hearing record.
- **Virtual Meeting Platform:** Each committee will use either Zoom or WebEx to conduct its hearings. Specific instructions on how each hearing will be conducted is described below. Some hearings will be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at www.dccouncil.gov. Each hearing in the notice will include the appropriate link to view the hearing live.
- **Interpretation:** Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation or require closed captioning are requested to inform the committee conducting the hearing of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding.
- **All testimony received by each stated deadline will be a part of the official hearing record.**

Accessing Hearings

- Click the "Submit Testimony" button in the upper right on the hearing page. If the deadline to submit testimony for a hearing has already passed, the Submit Testimony button will not be available.
- Select "Live Testimony" or "Record Testimony." Select "Live Testimony" if you previously registered to testify at the hearing. If your testimony is only for the written record, choose "Record Testimony." Please use the same name, organization information, and email address that you used if you registered to testify.
- You can upload testimony in either Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, or a plain text file by clicking "Upload my Testimony." You can also type your testimony from this page with some formatting capability by selecting "I will type my testimony here."
- Check the reCAPTCHA box and click submit. After completing the webform, you should receive a confirmation email from noreply@dccouncil.gov
- Once a committee has reviewed submitted testimony, it will be added to the hearing page automatically.

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