COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BROOKE PINTO, CHAIR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

Heightened Federal Law Enforcement and National Guard Activities in the District;

B26-0603, the "Body -Worn Camera Transparency for Use of Force Amendment Act of 2026";

B26-0618, the "Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Amendment Act of 2026";

and

B26-0549, the "Safe Community Places and Policing Amendment Act of 2025"

on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 412

and virtually via Zoom

To watch live:
Councilmember Pinto's YouTube Page (www.youtube.com/@cmbrookepinto) Councilmember Pinto's X page (@cmbrookepinto)
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers) DC Council Website (dccouncil.gov)

On Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:00 am, Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a **public hearing on the heightened federal law enforcement and National Guard activities in the District of Columbia; B26-0603, the "Body -Worn Camera Transparency for Use of Force Amendment Act of 2026"; B26-0618, the "Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Amendment Act of 2026"; and B26-0549, the "Safe Community Places and Policing Amendment Act of 2025."** The hearing will be held in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

This hearing will allow DC residents to provide testimony about the ongoing federal presence in the District and discuss available local legislative interventions the Council can use to provide additional safety and oversight. The Committee invites public testimony on experiences with federal law enforcement and civil immigration officers, National Guard troops, and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) activity that is or appears to be part of joint federal task force activities.

The hearing will build upon the testimony heard by Chairwoman Pinto and the Committee at the December 4, 2025, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety Hearing on Public Safety in the District, where more than 100 residents testified about their concerns regarding the increased federal presence in the District, as well as additional oversight hearings on February 25, 2026, and April 29, 2026.

B26-0603, the "Body-Worn Camera Transparency for Use of Force Amendment Act of 2026," would enhance transparency with use of force incidents involving federal agencies. The bill would require the public release of MPD body-worn camera recordings of all officer-involved deaths or serious use of force incidents as well as the names of all officers involved and a description of the incident. For body-worn camera recordings involving an officer-involved death, the decedent's next of kin must provide consent for the footage to be released. For recordings of a serious use of force incident, the alleged victim or guardian if the victim is a minor must consent to its release. The bill would also require that MPD's public database of MPD body-worn camera recordings and names of all officers directly involved with an officer-involved death since January 1, 2026, include names of directly involved federal law enforcement officers, as available. Finally, the bill would require a roll call record of all federal agents in attendance at daily MPD roll call to provide transparency with MPD joint patrols with federal agencies. Chairwoman Pinto previously introduced and passed emergency and temporary legislation implementing the first two components of the bill; that temporary law is currently in effect.

B26-0618, the "Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Amendment Act of 2026," would require MPD officers, following an arrest, to document identifying information, including name, badge number or other identifying number, and employing agency of each law enforcement officer present at the scene; whether any law enforcement officer present at the scene used force during the arrest, and if so, a description of the force used; and the number of unidentified law enforcement officers at the scene and whether any law enforcement officer declined to disclose their identity. It would also require public release of body-worn camera footage for incidents in which a federal law enforcement officer commits a serious use of force against an individual in the presence of one or more members of MPD, and the incident is captured in whole or in part on a body-worn camera recording made by a member of MPD. The Council previously passed emergency and temporary legislation implementing the arrest reporting component of the bill; that temporary law is currently in effect.

B26-0549, the "Safe Community Places and Policing Amendment Act of 2025," provides that, in the absence of a judicial warrant, the District would be prohibited from transporting federal agents for immigration enforcement in District-owned vehicles (except public transit), participating in surveillance or patrols connected to civil immigration enforcement, and conducting immigration enforcement operations at designated "safe community places," unless there are exigent circumstances. The bill would designate locations such as schools, day cares, health care providers, recreation centers, and shelters as "safe community places" and prohibit joint District and federal immigration enforcement operations at those locations unless a judicial warrant or exigent circumstances exist. The bill also requires the District to train employees on these protections to ensure consistent implementation across agencies.

The Committee invites the public to testify. Those who wish to do so must register using the Council's

Hearing Management System at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings **by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.** All public witnesses will have 3 minutes to speak. **Witnesses will have the option to testify in person or virtually**; witnesses should specify which option they are electing at the time they sign up to testify.

Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or who require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests may be submitted via the Hearing Management System during registration or by contacting Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Committee Manager, to the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, at (202) 724-8058 or via e-mail at judiciary@dccouncil.gov. It may not be possible to fulfill requests received less than 5 business days before the proceeding. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Benjamin at the phone number or e-mail listed above.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record; written testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings. Testimony will be publicly accessible following review by Committee staff.

The record will close at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 12, 2026.