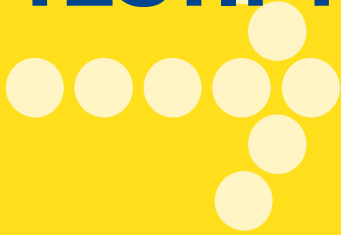


MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Monday, Oct. 26, our ally, Councilmember Phil Mendelson, will hear testimony in support of – and in opposition to – marriage equality. This is one of our most important opportunities to show public support for marriage equality. You don't need to be in a same-sex relationship, be interested in getting married or even be LGBT. All you need is to be willing to speak for up to three minutes about why marriage equality is important to you.

The hearing starts at 3:30 p.m., on Oct. 26, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early as the hearing is expected to run long. **All hearing participants must register by Thursday, Oct. 22**, and testimony will be heard on a first-come, first-serve basis. **If you think you are interested in testifying, please sign up today, and use the details below to sign-up or e-mail Nick McCoy at nick.mccoy@hrc.org.**

THOSE WHO WISH TO TESTIFY



Contact Legislative Clerk Ms. Deborah Kelly by phone at 202-724-7808, by fax at 202-724-6664 or by e-mail at dkelly@dccouncil.us. Be sure to provide your name, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009**. The Committee will continue this hearing at a later date if the number of witnesses exceeds what can be reasonably accommodated in a single day.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged but not required to submit 15 copies of written testimony by Nov. 9. If submitted by the close of business on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, the testimony will be distributed to councilmembers before the hearing.

HELP US MAKE MARRIAGE EQUALITY A REALITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA!

If you'd like help drafting your testimony, HRC and our allies are holding a training at HRC headquarters, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 7-9 p.m., to help you prepare your testimony.

Sponsored by: DC for Marriage, Human Rights Campaign, Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, DC Young Democrats, Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance, Campaign for All DC Families, Gay District and Log Cabin Republicans.

To RSVP for the training, go to www.hrcactioncenter.org/site/Calendar.

