

## HAWDC Testifies at Council Hearings on E911 Bed Tax:



As you are aware, as part of her Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, Mayor Bowser has proposed to impose a tax upon all hotels of \$0.50 per room or suite rental, per night. This new bed tax would be an additional tax on top of what hotels already significantly contribute to the E911 fund. HAWDC testified at two hearings, the first held by

the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and the second held by the Committee on Finance and Revenue, against the proposed bed tax.

HAWDC expressed that travelers to our city generate substantial revenue for the District. Last year alone, travelers generated over \$273 million in tax collections, translating to increased job opportunities for District residents as well as assisting the District's ability to provide services. As one of the highest taxed industries in the District, there is no reasonable rationale on why travelers, who have a tangential use of the E911 system, should be charged an additional bed tax for this fund. HAWDC will continue to meet with Councilmembers to voice our concerns regarding this proposed bed tax and urge them to not levy it. As customary, we will update members as this proposal works its way through the legislative process.

*Pictured above (far right): Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington, DC, testifying at the Committee on Finance and Revenue Hearing.*

## HAWDC to Host Member Luncheon with DCRA Director:

Please join us on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 for lunch with our special guest speaker, Melinda Bolling, Director, District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Members will have the opportunity to hear Director Bolling discuss issues regarding licensing, inspections, and short-term rental regulations, as well as other matters that may impact our industry.



Space is very limited for this event and RSVPs will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis so register today! Please see upcoming events for

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, May 23:

HAWDC Member Luncheon featuring guest speaker DCRA Director Melinda Bolling will be held at 1225 New York Ave NW, Suite 250, from 12:00 pm to 1:30pm. Please contact [Renauda Bennett](#) to RSVP.

### Thursday, May 25:

The HR Director's meeting will be held at 1201 New York Ave, NW in the 11th floor Conference Room from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast will be provided. Please contact [Vanessa Peters](#) for more information or to RSVP.

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## The Omni Shoreham to Host Job Fair:

The Omni Shoreham Hotel is hosting a job fair on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, for full-time and seasonal positions.

Please apply in advance at [www.omnihotels.com/careers](http://www.omnihotels.com/careers). Contact [Donald Frey](mailto:Donald.Frey@omnihotels.com) for additional information.

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## Allied Member Spotlight:



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