



## Councilmember David Grosso to Speak at HAWDC September Luncheon:



HAWDC invites Members to join us at the Grand Hyatt Washington on Thursday, September 17, 2015 for our September Luncheon. A noon reception will be followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. We are delighted to have Councilmember David Grosso as our guest speaker! As our former Hospitality High School students complete the transition to attend the Hospitality NAF Academies at

various District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS"), as Chair of the Committee of Education, Councilmember David Grosso will be discussing the NAF Academies and how the hospitality community can continue to work with DCPS to expose students to the wonderful career opportunities in the District's hospitality sector.

Please see upcoming events for more details.

### Allied Member Annual Meeting:

Allied Members are encouraged to attend the Allied Member Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 17, prior to the September Luncheon. Allied Members will have the opportunity to vote for two Allied Member Co-Chairs who will sit on HAWDC's Board of Directors for the next year. There will also be time to discuss Allied Member initiatives for the coming year. If you are interested in running for Allied Member Co-Chair, please click [here](#).

Please see upcoming events for more details.

### D.C. Chamber of Commerce President Challenges Minimum Wage Ballot Initiative:

In July, the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics ("BOEE") approved

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, September 9, 2015:

HAWDC Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the office of the Hotel Association of Washington, DC 1225 New York Ave. Suite 250, conference room from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please contact [Malinda Nafziger](#) to RSVP.

### Thursday, September 17, 2015:

HAWDC Allied Member Annual Meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please contact [Malinda Nafziger](#) to RSVP.

### Thursday, September 17, 2015:

HAWDC September Luncheon will be held at

Initiative 76, the "District of Columbia Minimum Wage Act of 2016". If enacted, Initiative 76 would increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by the year 2020, and increase the tip credit - the amount a restaurant employer has to pay a tipped restaurant employee to offset the difference the employee makes in cash tips and the minimum wage - to \$15 per hour by the year 2025. The Initiative was approved despite opposition from several business groups.

Last week, Harry Wingo, president of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, filed a lawsuit, in his individual capacity as a District resident, against the BOEE, seeking an injunction to block the Initiative. The lawsuit alleges, among several things, that the wording of the Initiative is misleading and "improperly creates prejudice in favor of the proposed measure." HAWDC will continue to monitor the lawsuit and keep Members updated accordingly.

### Allied Member Highlight:

For 30 years, VIVREAU's sustainable water programs with onsite bottling systems, reusable glass bottles and Vi Tap dispensers, have given their clients the ability to reduce their carbon footprint by eliminating the production, transportation and disposal of traditional prepackaged bottled water. VIVREAU's environmental water programs are ideal for the hospitality industry and can be utilized to satisfy all restaurant, lounge, in-room dining, meeting and catering water needs while the fixed cost allows for easier budget planning, revenue projections and the potential for increased profits. Implementing a VIVREAU water program enables their customers to meet strategic environmental and financial goals while increasing the elegance of their water service.



For more information, visit <http://www.vivreau.com/>.

the Grand Hyatt Washington. Reception will be held at 12:00 pm followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Please click [here](#) to RSVP.

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