



**HEARING NOTES**

**Resolution: 21-0079R**

**Informational Hearing - Mold in Housing**

**Committee:** Health, Environment, and Technology

**Chaired by:** Danielle McCray

**Hearing Date:** February 9, 2022

**Time (Beginning):** 10:05 AM

**Time (Ending):** 11:35 AM

**Location:** Webex Virtual Hearing

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 80 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Danielle McCray      John Bullock      Mark Conway      Ryan Dorsey  
Phylicia Porter      James Torrence      Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

Bill Synopsis in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by: .....	Torrence		
Seconded by:.....	Dorsey		
Final Vote: .....	Favorable		

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Alice Kennedy, Department of Housing and Community Development  
Eric Booker, Department of Housing and Community Development  
Kelleigh Eastman, Health Department  
Hilary Ruley, Law Department

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and discussed the importance of addressing the problem of mold in housing.
2. Councilman Burnett noted that his office gets frequent calls from constituents dealing with mold in their homes and explained how mold can lead to significant health issues and costs.
3. Alice Kennedy discussed issues related to mold in housing, the lack of clear guidance from federal and state regulators, and Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) loan and grant programs to help property owners make repairs. She noted that DHCD inspectors do not test for mold and advise property owners to retain experts to test if they suspect mold.
4. Representatives for the other agencies confirmed the recommendations and comments in their written reports.
5. Agency representatives responded to Councilmember questions.
6. Members of the public testified about their personal experiences dealing with mold in their homes and the need for additional protections and help for renters.
7. The Committee voted to recommend the resolution favorably.

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### Further Study

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**    **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The Committee requested the following information:

1. The number of mold complaints received by the Housing Authority from public housing residents annually.
2. The number of mold complaints received by the Housing Authority from residents in Housing Choice Voucher Program units annually.
3. The number of landlords/properties prohibited from participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program because of unresolved mold issues.

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: ..... Yea  
J. Bullock: ..... Yea  
M. Conway: ..... Yea  
R. Dorsey: ..... Yea  
P. Porter: ..... Absent  
J. Torrence: ..... Yea  
I. Schleifer: ..... Yea

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: February 10, 2022

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