

# DC Tax Revision Commission

## STAKEHOLDER MEETING: Real Estate/Downtown

**Date/time:** Wednesday, April 26, 3:30-5:00 pm

**Location:** Due to limited space, members of the public are encouraged to attend via livestream.

**Livestream link:** <https://bit.ly/TRCRealEstate>

**Overview:** The DC Tax Revision Commission will host a small-group conversation focusing on tax issues relating to small businesses and other employers. Participants are invited to respond to the following questions:

- Do you see ways that the tax code can be improved (in terms of who it taxes, how it's implemented, or what it affords)?
- Are there ways the DC tax code can do a better job of advancing economic efficiency and competitiveness?
- What are ways that you would recommend making our tax code more resilient to economic changes and shocks?
- What would a fairer tax code look like?
- How can the tax system help improve racial equity?
- Do you have any general or specific ideas about how the city should improve tax administration?
- When there are potential tensions/tradeoffs among our stated principles - for example, if a proposal to increase competitiveness risks reducing progressivity - how should the Commission balance and prioritize? How should the Commission balance and prioritize its various goals and commitments?
- How can the Commission continue to engage the community to collect their ideas and feedback on the DC tax system?

**Participants:**

- Richard Lake, Developer Roundtable
- Liz DeBarros, DCBIA
- Erika Waddington, DCBIA
- Tanja Castro (CastroHaase), DCBIA
- David Fuss (Wilkes Artis), AOBA
- Gerry Widdicombe, DowntownDC BID
- John Ritz, WC Smith
- Paul Dougherty, PRP
- Bob Cohen, Perseus Realty
- Jack Evans, former Council member

**Agenda:**

3:30 pm      Welcome by the Tax Revision Commission

3:40 pm      Participants will provide responses to Commission questions

4:00 pm        Q&A with the Tax Revision Commission  
5:00 pm        Adjourn

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