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CIC BULLETIN

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Council Hearing on DOC, Feb. 1, 2018

The Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety will hold a [Public Oversight Roundtable](#) on the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) on Thursday, February 1, 2018, in Room 412 of the Wilson Building at 9:30am. Anyone wishing to testify should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 727-8232 by Friday, January 26, 2018.

The CIC has published reports on its observations and monitoring of DOC in 2016 and 2017, both of which can be found [here](#). The CIC also plans to testify at the Public Oversight Roundtable on Feb. 1. Meanwhile, if you have any information you would like to share about the conditions, operations, programming, or other issues related to DOC, please give the CIC a call at 202-478-9211 or email at dccic@dc.gov.



In addition to its DOC reports, the CIC has published annual reports for its first two years as an independent agency, 2016 and 2017. These annual reports can be found [here](#) and on the CIC website, cic.dc.gov. Check out the CIC's overview and observations of the DOC and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) over the past two years, as well as the activities, events, and operations of the CIC.



CIC Newest Board Member and Staff



Calvin Woodland, Jr., was sworn in on December 16, 2017, as the CIC's newest board member. Mr. Woodland is a native Washingtonian, served as former Chief of Staff for the late DC Council Member Jim Graham, and presently works for the DC Department of Behavioral Health. He is also the founder of the Ward 8 nonprofit, the Calvin Woodland, Sr., Foundation, which provides social services to low-income DC residents.

Mr. Woodland was nominated by Mayor Bowser, pursuant to the Omnibus Criminal Justice Amendment Act of 2016, which increased the CIC's board size from 3 to 5 members. The Council will nominate the CIC's fifth board member this year. Mr. Woodland joins CIC Board Chair Charles Thornton and board members Katharine Huffman and Phylisa Carter.

Communications Specialist Mabel Tejada

Mabel Tejada has been hired as the CIC's Communication Specialist. In this capacity, Mabel will develop and implement a social media plan, communicate with community partners and stakeholders, and will take the lead on future CIC Bulletins, among other duties. Mabel is a former CIC

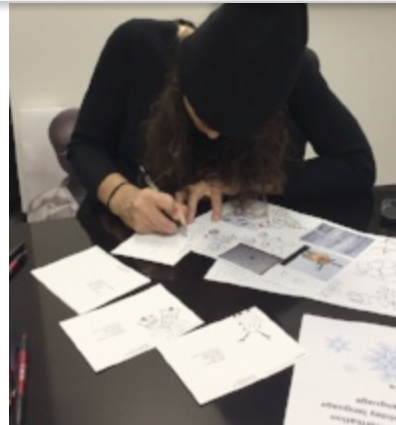
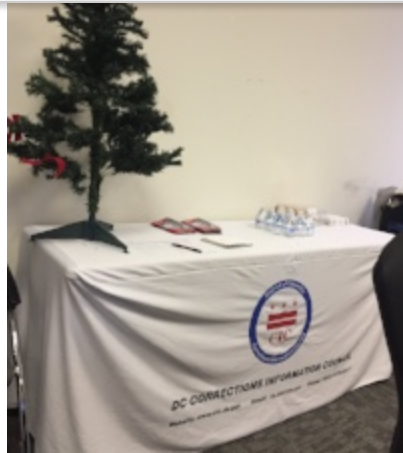
orn and a recent graduate of the University of Massachusetts
Dartmouth. The CIC welcomes Mabel as a fellow staff member on January
8, 2018.

CIC Holiday Postcards Initiative - Thank You

For a second year in a row, the CIC, with help from numerous volunteers, sent holiday postcards to over 4,000 District residents incarcerated in BOP prison facilities across the country. This year, the postcard images were of famous DC landmarks, including Ben's Chili Bowl, Frederick Douglass House, the Big Chair, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. There were holiday postcard writing events at the following locations:

- Mayor's Office of Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA)
- Office of Neighborhood and Safety Engagement (ONSE)
- One Judiciary Square
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- The Raben Group
- The Wilson Building

The CIC is grateful for all of the staff at these offices who facilitated these events and thanks everyone who took the time to handwrite encouraging messages to incarcerated DC women and men during the holiday season.



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