Commission on African Affairs Meeting | October 20, 2021

**Attendees:**

MOAA Staff:

* Gelila Getaneh
* Semhal Hagos

COAA Commissioners:

* Kate Okoye
* Theodore Ngatchou
* Carmen Eliam
* Sannido De Poukn
* Ify Bozimo
* Josiane Ndoyombaye
* Saka Reynolds

Community Members:

* Elisabeth Hando

Opening – Call to Order: 6:15pm

**II. MOAA Updates and Announcements**

Gelila Getaneh: The Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) has announced the Mayor’s Office on Africa Affairs’ (MOAA) FY 2022 grantees in a press release earlier today. MOAA is hosting an Open House with the Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) and its constituent offices on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 am. The event is an opportunity for constituents to meet MOCA directors, staff, commissioners, and community partners. There will be international performances and refreshments.

**III. Chair Announcements**

Commission on African Affairs (COAA) Chair and Co-Chair not available for updates.

**IV. Public Comments**

Josiane- Shares that she is participating in three events with a Beafrika NPO and the Embassy of The Central African Republic. She will email MOAA with the information.

Theodore- Shares appreciation for support from MOAA to provide groceries to constituents in need and MOAA’s support for the Renaissance Center for Culture and Education.

Kate- Is pleased to join the in-person Open House event on Saturday.

Ify- Is unable to attend the Open House event due to short notice.

Gelila- Explains the short notice for the event and the EOM protocols for event hosting and outreach. Thanks the COAA for their service towards the District’s African residents. Announces the next COAA meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3, 2021; it will be the last meeting of the year. Reiterates the importance of commissioners attending the Open House event on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and to confirm their attendance.

**V. Adjournment (6:30pm).**