



D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

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Statement by the Executive Committee of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.

Under D.C. Code § 1-207.42. Open meetings.

(a) All meetings (including hearings) of any department, agency, board, or commission of the District government, including meetings of the Council of the District of Columbia, at which official action of any kind is taken shall be open to the public. No resolution, rule, act, regulation, or other official action shall be effective unless taken, made, or enacted at such meeting.

The D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. believes all public meetings of District government agencies should be open to the public, unless specifically authorized by law to be closed. The recent action by the District of Columbia Taxi Commission to restrict access by representatives of the news media to its public meeting does not comply with District open meetings law.

The Executive Committee of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. the District of Columbia Taxi Cab Commission to justify its actions to the public, and also requests the Office of the District of Columbia Attorney General, through the Office of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to review the circumstances surrounding the recent incident which caused members to the media to be arrested and removed from an official and open meeting of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission and to take appropriate corrective oversight measures.

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