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### **Councilmember Alexander Comments on Proposed Food Truck Regulations**

On Friday, January 20, 2012, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) released its most recent draft of its proposed vending regulations which include provisions about mobile vending and food trucks. Lately, there has been much publicity and debate about the food truck phenomenon and its role in the food service industry. While Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander is supportive of food trucks and the budding entrepreneurs that this business model has created, she has expressed concerns about the impact that they are having on traditional brick and mortar restaurants.

“After many meetings with stakeholders in the vending, consumer, and restaurant communities, as Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs which has oversight of DCRA, I requested that these proposed regulations be made available back in July of 2011 so that we could have a more expeditious conclusion to the challenges that have been presented,” said Councilmember Alexander. “Now that this draft is available for a 30-day public comment period, I look forward to studying the provisions and reviewing the sentiments of the public so that I, along with members of the committee, can make an informed decision once the final version is submitted to the Council.”

Once the final regulations are submitted to the Council, Councilmember Alexander plans to hold a public roundtable to discuss the concerns of all interested stakeholders.

A copy of the proposed regulations can be found at DCRA website at <http://dcra.dc.gov>.

Persons interested in commenting on the proposed regulations should contact Helder Gil, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 1100 Fourth Street, SW, Room 5164, Washington, D.C. 20024, or via e-mail at [DCVendingRegs@dc.gov](mailto:DCVendingRegs@dc.gov), no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2012.

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