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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: MAY 31 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Vacant and Abandoned Properties
Community Development Disposition Approval Resolution of 2005"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 and the Mayor's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to approve the proposed resolution. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development anticipates a small amount of revenue to be generated from the disposition of these properties.

Background

The proposed resolution would authorize the Mayor to dispose of fifty two (52) vacant and abandoned properties to parties who agree to redevelop a certain portion of the properties into affordable housing. The Home Again Initiative (formerly the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Initiative) will dispose of properties acquired from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Public Housing Authority, tax foreclosures, eminent domain, and other property negotiations. A goal of the program is that developers must sell at least 30% of the redeveloped housing to families making less than 60% of the area median income (approximately \$54,900 for a family of four).

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 and the Mayor's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to approve the proposed resolution. The amount of proceeds the District will generate from the sale of these properties is not yet known because this resolution gives the Mayor the authority to enter into and finalize sales negotiations with interested developers. The proceeds would be used to subsidize the sale of other bundled properties and acquire additional parcels of property.