

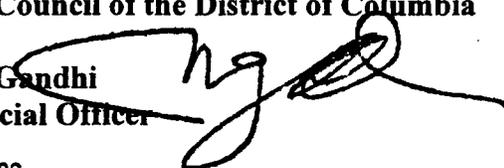
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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: SEP 13 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: B16-876 as Introduced

Conclusion

There is no fiscal impact at this time associated with the provisions of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006. Any activities related to the plan and undertaken by District agencies will need to be budgeted in future years.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Act of 1984 (D.C. Official Code § 1-301.61 *et seq.*) to establish a range of goals, policies, and actions to guide decision making about the District's economic and social development by District and federal agencies. The proposed legislation would also establish a date for the Mayor to submit proposed conforming amendments, required by the Comprehensive Plan, to the Zoning Commission.

The District's first post-Home Rule era Comprehensive Plan, which contained both District and Federal elements, was completed in 1984. The Comprehensive Plan is a multi-year planning document designed to influence the District's social, economic, and physical development; to guide policymakers on development decisions; to promote economic growth in the District; to guide development in order to achieve community goals; to maintain and enhance the physical assets of the District; and to assist in the conservation, stabilization, and improvement of each neighborhood in the District.

Financial Plan Impact

The Comprehensive Plan contains an extensive collection of information, goals, policies, and action steps to guide elected officials, District agencies, residents, businesses, and developers in planning the District's future development. Activities not documented in this fiscal impact statement but related to the plan and undertaken by District agencies will need to be budgeted in future years.

The D.C. Office of Planning estimates that, beginning in FY 2008, it will need additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to implement provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. These positions will need to be included and funded in the FY 2008 and subsequent year budgets.

In addition to the Office of Planning, at least five other D.C. agencies – Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development, Department of Environment, and Office of Zoning – will be responsible for implementing parts of the Comprehensive Plan. Any activities related to the plan and undertaken by these District agencies, and any others, will need to be budgeted in future years.