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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:** FEB 22 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement (Revised): "Advisory Commission on Sentencing Amendment Act of 2006"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 16-172 as Amended by the Committee of the Whole

***Conclusion***

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Existing resources currently allocated to the District's Sentencing Commission will be required to absorb all additional costs and/or operational pressures caused by the bill's implementation.

***Background***

The proposed legislation renames an existing commission and charges it with the mission of reviewing the District's criminal code and proposing recommendations for reform.<sup>1</sup> The Sentencing Commission will be renamed as the Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission (Commission). The proposed change will be effective January 1, 2007.

The Commission will be required to submit to the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia a work plan and schedule for carrying out the responsibilities they are newly authorized to perform and submit its final recommendations by September 30, 2010. The composition of the Commission

1. §§2 of the proposed legislation will require the new Commission to fully develop and create the legislative packages that are required for any action by the Council of the District of Columbia. This is to include, but is not limited to, drafting legislation and reports.

The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
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will be amended to include a criminal justice professional and a non-voting representative of the Council of the District of Columbia.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Staff and resources for the current Sentencing Commission will be made available to the Commission established by the proposed legislation. The revised Commission will be required to absorb any additional costs or operational pressures that result from implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation.