

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi   
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**DATE:** APR -5 2007

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Comprehensive Plan Response to  
NCPC Recommendations and Technical Corrections Act of  
2007"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 17-124 – Engrossed Original

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**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend and make technical corrections to the District of Columbia "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006," (D.C. Act 16-637) ("Plan") which was signed by the Mayor on December 28, 2006. The Plan established a range of goals, policies, and actions to guide decision making about the District's economic and social development by District and federal agencies. As part of the review process for the Plan, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) issued a series of findings and suggestions about the Plan. The proposed legislation would respond to the NCPC findings by amending parts of the Plan to clarify the intent of certain policy suggestions and to make technical corrections, such as date and map clarifications.

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 the fiscal impact statement for Act 16-637 but related to the plan and undertaken by District agencies will need to be budgeted in future years. The proposed changes would not change the fiscal effects identified in the original fiscal impact statement.

The D.C. Office of Planning (OP) estimates that, beginning in FY 2008, it will need additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to implement provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor's proposed FY 2008 budget includes an increase of \$375,000 and 4 FTEs for the Long Range Planning program in OP to update the District's Comprehensive Plan.

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.