

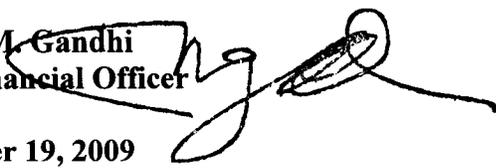
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: November 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement (Revised) – “51st State Commission
Establishment Act of 2009”

REFERENCE: Bill 18-177

This revised FIS is based on the draft legislation shared with the OCFO on November 12, 2009 and replaces the fiscal impact statement issued by the OCFO on October 27, 2009.

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation requires the 51st State Commission (“Commission”) to submit reports to United States Congress and the Council. Expenses related to report production or other activities necessary to complete the Commission’s work can not be absorbed by the Committee on Aging and Community Affairs budget and will be subject to appropriations starting in FY 2010.

Background

The proposed legislation would establish the 51st State Commission to study and recommend legislation and administrative actions to be taken to establish the District of Columbia as a state of the United States of America with all Constitutional rights. The Commission will be appointed within 45 days of the proposed bill’s enactment and will submit their recommendations to United States Congress and the Council within 180 days of their first meeting.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Expenses related to the work of the Commission will be subject to appropriations starting in FY 2010. The amount of the funds required will depend on the planned activities of the committee. The OCFO will be able to estimate the cost when those plans are made available.