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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: July 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Primary Election Date Emergency Amendment Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Emergency bill as Introduced on July 5, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill would amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955¹ to move the date of the presidential preference primary and the District of Columbia primary to the second Tuesday in June.² In 2011³, the District moved the dates of both the presidential preference primary and the District of Columbia primary to the 1st Tuesday in April.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Subject to available resources, the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics (DCBOEE) may decide to engage in an advertising campaign to make the public aware of the date change, although this is not required under the bill. It is

¹ Approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*)

² The introduced version of the bill contains a typographical error indicating that the presidential preference primary will be held on the third Tuesday in June. The drafters did not intend to have two different dates. It is expected that the bill will be amended before passage to reflect that the presidential preference primary will also be held on the second Tuesday in June.

³ District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2011, effective June 16, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-7; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05 *et seq.*).

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important to note that DCBOEE could incur additional costs if the bill is approved later in the election cycle due to the timing of the printing of ballots.