

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: May 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Department of Parks and Recreation
Friends Group Fundraising Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Bill 19-168

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (“Department”) to allow a Friends Group that is registered under the Department’s Park Partner Program¹ to host a fundraiser for the benefit of a District park or recreation facility at Department buildings or grounds. A Friends Group is a 501(c)3 organization whose primary mission is to support an adopted park or recreation facility by advocating, fundraising, maintaining, and assisting in the planning process for the park or recreation facility adopted. The funds would be placed into a dedicated bank account in the name of the Friends Group and spent only on the associated park or recreation facility in accordance with the Park Partner Agreement. Finally, Friends Groups shall provide twice yearly accounting to the Department of all funds collected.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have a negative impact on the District’s budget and financial plan.

¹ Department of Parks and Recreation Park Partners Program: Authorized by the Recreation Act of 1994, effective March 21, 1995(D.C. Official Code § 10-301 *et seq.*, D.C. Law 10-246).
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