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



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

November 25, 2008

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "West Dupont Circle Liquor License

Moratorium Amendment Approval Resolution of 2008"

REFERENCE:

Draft Resolution - No Number Assigned

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. The approval of the proposed rulemaking would not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed resolution would adopt rulemaking to amend Chapter 3 of Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to raise the current limit on Class CR and Class DR retailer's licenses in the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone from 17 to 21. This increase would allow the addition of four new restaurants, including four new liquor licenses, to the West Dupont Circle Moratorium Zone.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. It is likely that the implementation of the proposed rulemaking would result in an increase of Class CR and DR retailer's licenses; therefore, the

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Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is likely to experience an increase in revenues associated with issuing such licenses.

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-210, all funds obtained from alcoholic beverage licensing and permitting fees are deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Fund ("ABRA Fund"), a non-lapsing segregated account separate from the General Fund. Subject to Federal and District laws governing the appropriation of funds, the funds deposited in the ABRA Fund are used to fund the expenses of ABRA in the discharge of its administrative and regulatory duties.