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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: December 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Historic Property Improvement Notification Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 19-429 – Committee Print, shared with OCFO on December 7, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation¹ requires the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) to include in its annual tax bill mailing a notice regarding historic property improvements to all owners of real property that is either a designated historic landmark or located within an historic district in the District of Columbia. This notice would provide information on the laws and regulations relating to all historic district property improvements, including information on building permit regulations, Advisory Neighborhood Commission consultation, review by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and other information the Mayor deems relevant. Notifications would begin in the FY 2012 tax bill mailing. The proposed legislation also includes a conforming amendment to § 47-824 of the D.C. Official Code.

¹ The bill amends The Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-144; D.C. Official Code § 6-1103(a)).

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposal can be implemented using existing resources at the Office of Planning, which will draft the notification and provide the list of squares and lots to which the notification must be sent. OTR's contracted vendors can then, at no extra cost, print the notification on the appropriate tax mailings.