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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: **July 8, 2011**

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Impact Statement – "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act Emergency Amendment Act of 2011"**

REFERENCE: **Draft Legislation as Shared with the OCFO on July 7, 2011**

Conclusion

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

Background

The proposed legislation would amend, on an emergency basis, the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act of 2010[1] ("Act") to provide the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission ("Commission") with jurisdiction over all pending appeals before the Board of Real Property Assessment and Appeals (BRPPA) and to increase the number of part-time Commissioners from six to eight.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Providing the Commission with jurisdiction over all pending appeals before BRPAA would not have a negative fiscal impact. Additionally, increasing the number of part-time Commissioners from six to eight would result in an increase in personnel costs of approximately $33,000; however, this cost could be absorbed within the Commission's existing budget.

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[1] Effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-363; D.C. Official Code §47-825.01 *et seq.*).