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### Glen Lee

Chief Financial Officer

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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FROM: Glen Lee

**Chief Financial Officer** 

DATE: March 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - 1333 M Street, SE Tax Abatement

**Amendment Act of 2025** 

REFERENCE: B26-40, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on March 18, 2025

#### Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

# **Background**

The owner of 1333 M Street, S.E. plans to develop the property<sup>1</sup> into 900 residential apartment units and 45,000 square feet of retail space, across three buildings. The bill provides the property owner with a fifteen-year abatement of real property taxes, beginning October 1, 2029. The amount of the abatement will be equal to the portion of real property taxes exceeding \$150,000 annually, and it is subject to the property owner meeting conditions as outlined in the bill, including:

- Setting aside 12% of the gross residential floor area for Inclusionary Zoning units for households earning up to 60% of area median income, including at least 3 two-bedroom units in the project's East Tower for families earning up to 50% of area median income.
- Public space improvements, including a neighborhood greenway, numerous plazas, a reconstructed Anacostia bicycle trail at M Street SE, a reconstructed Virginia Avenue S.E., and 52 public bicycle spaces.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Known for tax and assessment purposes as Lot 2 in Square 1048-S

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FIS: "1333 M Street, SE Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2025", B26-40, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 18, 2025

- \$25,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation to support senior programming at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center.
- \$25,000 to the Seafarer's Yacht Club for operations and club preservation.

# **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The abatement cost would fall entirely outside of the four-year financial plan period. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer has projected<sup>2</sup> the total cost of the abatement at \$61.7 million over the fifteen-year term.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tax Abatement Financial Analysis - 1333 M Street, SE Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2024 | ocfo.