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Heran Sereke-Brhan, Interim Executive Director Commission on the Arts and Humanities 200 I Street, SE, Ste. 1400 Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Sereke-Brhan:

The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a performance oversight hearing on the Commission on the Arts and Humanities for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. In an effort to maximize the time your agency has to prepare for this hearing, the Committee is providing the following preliminary questions. Additional questions may be sent at a later date. The Committee will make every effort to provide as much time as possible for you to respond to any additional rounds of questions.

Please submit both a hard copy and an electronic copy of your responses to the questions below no later than close of business **Monday**, **February 17**, **2020**. Please avoid the use of attachments unless specifically requested. If you need to discuss any of the questions, please contact Peter Johnson, Special Counsel at 724-8083.

- 1. Please provide, as an attachment to your answers, a current organizational chart for your agency with the number of vacant and filled FTEs marked in each box. Include the names of all senior personnel. Also include the effective date on the chart.
- 2. Please provide, as an attachment, a Schedule A for your agency which identifies all employees by title/position, current salary, fringe benefits, and program office as of February 1, 2020. The Schedule A also should indicate all vacant positions in the agency. Please do not include Social Security numbers.
- 3. Please list as of February 1 all employees detailed to or from your agency, if any, anytime this fiscal year (up to the date of your answer). For each employee identified, please provide the name of the agency the employee is detailed to or from, the reason for the detail, the date the detail began, and the employee's actual or projected date of return.
- 4. (a) For fiscal year 2019, please list each employee whose salary was \$125,000 or more. For each employee listed provide the name, position title, salary, and amount of any overtime and any bonus pay.
  - (b) For fiscal year 2020, please list each employee whose salary is or was \$125,000 or more. For each employee listed provide the name, position title, salary, and amount of any overtime and any bonus pay as of the date of your response.
- 5. Please list, in descending order, the top 15 overtime earners in your agency for fiscal year 2019. For each, state the employee's name, position or title, salary, and aggregate overtime pay.



- 6. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please provide a list of employee bonuses or special award pay granted that identifies the employee receiving the bonus or special pay, the amount received, and the reason for the bonus or special pay.
- 7. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please list each employee separated from the agency with separation pay. State the amount and number of weeks of pay. Also, for each, state the reason for the separation.
- 8. For fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through January 31), please state the total number of employees receiving worker's compensation payments.
- 9. Please provide the name of each employee who was or is on administrative leave in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). In addition, for each employee identified, please provide: (1) their position; (2) a brief description of the reason they were placed on leave; (3) the dates they were/are on administrative leave; (4) whether the leave was/is paid or unpaid; and (5) their current status (as of January 31, 2020).
- 10. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please list, in chronological order, all intra-District transfers to or from the agency. Give the date, amount, and reason for the transfer.
- 11. Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming of funds into or out of the agency for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). Include a "bottom line" that explains the revised final budget for your agency. For each reprogramming, list the reprogramming number (if submitted to the Council for approval), the date, the amount, and the rationale.
- 12. Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming within your agency during fiscal year 2020 to date. Also, include both known and anticipated intraagency reprogrammings. For each, give the date, amount, and rationale.
- 13. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (as of February 10), please identify each special purpose revenue fund maintained by, used by, or available for use by your agency. For each fund identified, provide: (1) the revenue source name and code; (2) the source of funding; (3) a description of the programs that generates the funds; (4) the amount of funds generated annually by each source or program; and (5) expenditures of funds, including the purpose of each expenditure. For (4) and (5) provide specific data for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (as of January 31) and give starting and ending balances. You may wish to present this information first as a list (for numbers 1-5) and then as separate tables for numbers 4 and 5.
- 14. Please provide a table showing your agency's Council-approved original budget, revised budget (after reprogrammings, etc.) for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and the first quarter of 2020. In addition, please explain the variances between fiscal year appropriations and actual expenditures for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.
- 15. Please list all memoranda of understanding (MOU) either entered into by your agency or in effect during fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). For each, describe its purpose, indicate the date entered, and provide the actual or anticipated termination date.
- 16. D.C. Law requires the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer to submit to the Council, simultaneously with a proposed budget submission, actual copies of all agency budget enhancements requests, such as the "Form B" for all District agencies (See D.C. Code § 47-

- 318.05a). In order to help the Committee understand agency needs, and the cost of those needs for your agency, please provide, as an attachment to your answers, all budget enhancement requests submitted by your agency to the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer as part of the budget process for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- 17. Please list all currently open capital projects for your agency (as of January 31st) including those projects that are managed or overseen by another agency or entity. Include a brief description of each, the total estimated cost, expenditures to date, the start and completion dates, and the current status of the project. Also, indicate which projects are experiencing delays and which require additional funding.
- 18. Please list all pending lawsuits that name your agency as a party. Please identify which cases on the list are lawsuits that potentially expose the city to significant liability in terms of money and/or change in practices. The Committee is not asking for your judgment as to the city's liability; rather, we are asking about the extent of the claim. For those claims identified, please include an explanation about the issues for each case.
- 19. (a) Please list and describe any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency that were completed at any time in fiscal years 2019 or 2020 (through January 31).
  - (b) Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports of your agency or any employee of your agency.
- 20. How many grievances have been filed by employees or labor unions against agency management? Please list each of them by year for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through January 31). Give a brief description of each grievance, and the outcome as of January 31, 2020. Include on the chronological list any earlier grievance that is still pending in any judicial forum.
- 21. (a) Please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of sexual harassment committed by or against its employees.
  - (b) If different, please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of misconduct.
  - (b) List and describe each allegation received by the agency in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (as of January 31) and the resolution of each as of the date of your answer.
- In table format, please list the following for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31, 2020) regarding the agency's use of SmartPay (credit) cards for agency purchases: (1) individuals (by name and title/position) authorized to use the cards; (2) purchase limits (per person, per day, etc.); and (3) total spent (by person and for the agency).
- 23. Please provide a list of all procurements for goods or services for use by your agency over \$10,000 for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31). Give a brief explanation of each, including the name of the contractor, purpose of the contract, and the total dollar amount of the contract. Exclude from this answer purchase card (SmartPay) purchases.

- 24. (a) Please describe how your agency manages and limits its mobile, voice, and data costs, including cellular phones and mobile devices.
  - (b) In table format if the answer is more than 20 lines, and as an attachment, please provide the following information for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), regarding your agency's use of cellular phones and mobile devices: (1) individuals (by name and title/position) authorized to carry and use such devices; (2) total annual expense (FY) for each individual's use; and (3) justification for such use (per person). If the list is more than 20 individuals, group the answer by program, giving the total number of FTEs for that program as well as the number of cellular phones and mobile devices.
- 25. (a) Does your agency have or use one or more government vehicle? If so, for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31), please list any vehicle the agency owns, leases, or has assigned to it. You may group the vehicles by category (e.g., 15 sedans, 33 pick-up trucks, three transport buses, etc.; and (6) what employee discipline resulted, if any.
  - (b) Please list all vehicle accidents involving your agency's vehicles for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through January 31). Provide: (1) a brief description of each accident; (2) the type of vehicle involved; (3) the name and title/position of the driver involved; (4) the justification for using such vehicle; and (5) whether there was a finding of fault and, if so, who was determined to be at fault.
- 26. Please list every lawsuit against the agency that was settled or decided by a trial court in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to date. Briefly describe each and the sanction, if any.
- 27. D.C. Law requires the Mayor to pay certain settlements and judgements from agency operating budgets if the settlement is less than \$10,000 or results from an incident within the last two years (see D.C. Code § 2-402(a)(3)). Please itemize each charge-back to your agency for a settlement or judgment pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-402.
- 28. (a) D.C. Law prohibits chauffeurs, take-home vehicles, and the use of SUVs (see D.C. Code §§ 50-203 and 50-204). Is your agency in compliance with this law?
  - (b) Please explain all exceptions, if any, and provide the following: (1) type of vehicle (make, model, year); (2) individuals (name/position) authorized to use the vehicle; (3) jurisdictional residence of the individual (e.g., Bowie, MD); and (4) justification for the chauffer or takehome status.
- 29. In table format, please provide the following information for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 (through January 31) regarding your agency's authorization of employee travel: (1) each trip outside the region on official business or agency expense; (2) individuals (by name and title/position) who traveled outside the region; (3) total expense for each trip (per person, per trip, etc.); (4) what agency or entity paid for the trips; and (5) justification for the travel (per person and trip).
- Please provide and itemize, as of January 31, 2020, the current number of When Actually Employed (WAE), term, and contract personnel within your agency. If your agency employs WAE or term personnel, please provide, in table format, the name of each employee, position title, the length of his or her term or contract, the date on which he or she first started with your agency, and the date on which his or her current term expires.

- 31. What efforts has your agency made in the past year to increase transparency? Explain.
- 32. What efforts will your agency be making to increase transparency? Explain.
- 33. Please identify any legislative requirements that your agency lacks sufficient resources to properly implement. Explain.
- 34. Please identify any statutory or regulatory impediments to your agency's operations.
- 35. Did your agency receive any FOIA requests in fiscal year 2019? If yes, did the agency file a report of FOIA disclosure activities with the Secretary of the District of Columbia? If available, please provide a copy of that report as an attachment. Also state here the total cost incurred by your agency for each fiscal year 2018, 2019, and 2020 (as of January 31) related to FOIA.
- 36. For purposes CBE agency compliance purposes, what is your agency's current adjusted expendable budget; how much has been spent with SBEs; and what percent of your agency's expendable budget was spent with SBEs? Further, where SBEs were not available, how much has been spent with CBEs, and what percent of CBE spending, relative to your current expendable budget? How many CBE waivers (including dollar amount) did the agency submit? What efforts has the agency taken to reduce the number of CBE waivers submitted? What is the CBE spending goal for your agency per the DSLBD SBE Opportunities Guide (Green book)? Give this answer for fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020 (through January 31).
- 37. Please provide, as an attachment, a copy of your agency's current annual performance plan as submitted to the Office of the City Administrator.
- 38. (a) What are your agency's key performance indicators and what has been your agency's performance (for each of these KPIs) in fiscal year (or calendar year) 2018, 2019, and 2020 (through the first quarter).
  - (b) What KPIs have been dropped (or changed) since 2018? List each specifically and explain why it was dropped or changed.
- What are your top five priorities for the agency? Please provide a detailed explanation for how the agency expects to achieve or work toward these priorities in fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

Again: in providing the above information, do not use attachments unless specifically requested. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Phil Mendelson, Chairman