



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On behalf of the residents of Washington, DC, I am pleased to submit to the Council of the District of Columbia my Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan, *A Fair Shot*.¹

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is being delivered at a critical juncture for our city. As most of our economy recovers from the pandemic, we are realizing, with more clarity and certainty, the ongoing and long-term impacts of telework on our commercial real estate sector and our downtown – the economic engine of DC. The latest forecasts from our Chief Financial Officer show a continued decline in this crucial area, leading to a significant drop in revenues over the next four years. At the same time, the historic influx of federal stimulus funding is ending and will, in large part, not be available after FY 2024. These are the sobering financial facts we are confronting. We cannot maintain the level of growth in new government spending that was spurred by temporary federal stimulus funds. We must also act with urgency to address the long-term health of our economy by bringing back our downtown.

This budget reflects many tough choices and it was formed with an eye towards how we get the best outcomes for our residents at this challenging time. Our FY 2024 investments are strategic, prudent, and focused on ensuring an equitable comeback for Washington, DC. We are fortunate that even in tight times, the District remains well-resourced and able to continue delivering world-class programs and services. The FY 2024 Fair Shot Budget focuses on making investments in these key areas:

- **Driving DC's comeback, downtown recovery, and long-term economic growth by maximizing investments to grow our population, our jobs, and our tax base.**

The FY 2024 Budget maintains our investments in business retention, expansion, and attraction, as well as expands incentives to convert more office buildings into residential units downtown. We are making significant investments to expand development through Fletcher Johnson (\$52 million) and Poplar Point (\$11 million), and the budget includes \$25 million in infrastructure improvements to bring a full-service grocery store to East Capitol Gateway.

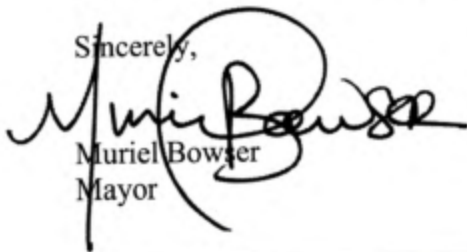
- **Investing in our residents, families, and neighborhoods through programs that help residents grow their incomes.**

The FY 2024 Budget includes an \$8 million increase to support the Home Purchase Assistance Program, a \$13 million increase to help more residents grow their income and avoid benefit cliffs through Career MAP, \$6 million to support our commercial property acquisition fund, and \$1 million to expand Strong Families, Strong Futures and provide more residents with direct cash assistance.

- Building a safer, stronger DC by reducing crime and increasing opportunities.**
 The FY 2024 Budget includes \$3.4 million to help the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) hire civilians to take the burden off sworn officers as well as expand diversity and wellbeing and support organizational change efforts. It also continues a \$5.4 million investment to provide recruitment and retention incentives to hire more MPD officers, along with \$1.2 million to stand up a new paramedic school to increase the pipeline of EMS first responders.
- Addressing the spectrum of mental and behavioral health needs in the community through a whole-of-government approach to building a healthier DC.**
 The FY 2024 Budget also recognizes the spectrum of mental and behavioral health needs in our community and includes \$2.5 million to establish a fund that will support the recruitment of hard-to-fill District government positions, including 911 call takers and social workers. The budget also includes \$9.5 million to open a second sobering center, \$24 million to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services, and \$1.7 million to stand up a new unit of case workers who will support residents living in scattered-site buildings.
- Creating pathways to success for students by investing in childcare, out of school time programming, and in our extraordinary teacher workforce.**
 The FY 2024 Budget includes \$5 million to expand free after-school opportunities, specifically for students with disabilities. It creates new pathways to teaching by establishing a \$1.6 million teacher apprenticeship program. It also increases eligibility for the childcare subsidy from 250% of the federal poverty line to 300%, which will allow more families to receive this critical service.
- Getting back to basics by improving core government services and the customer experience.**
 The FY 2024 Budget includes \$3.4 million to replace all supercan and recycling cans over the next eight years, \$4.5 million to modernize digital services (including overhauling the DC.gov website), and \$3.5 million for improving customer-facing IT services at the Department of Buildings and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection.
- Building sustainability and resiliency into the budget by rightsizing our investments and eliminating low-return programs.**
 The FY 2024 Budget eliminates 750 vacant government positions, funds most programs at their pre-pandemic levels, and streamlines programs that are not getting a significant return on investment. These changes build sustainability into our longer-term budgeting.


As I have said before, when we work together, there is nothing that we cannot take on. The FY 2024 Budget makes the necessary investments to promote and sustain the District's comeback by unlocking the full potential of our residents, our neighborhoods, and our businesses.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser
 Mayor

¹ Included in this submission are the "Fiscal Year 2024 Local Budget Act of 2023," the "Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2023," and the "Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Act of 2023." In addition, I am submitting the following accompanying measures: the "Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2023," the "Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Temporary Act of 2023," and the "Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023."


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To adjust, on an emergency basis, certain allocations in the Fiscal Year 2023 Local Budget Act of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The appropriations set forth in the Fiscal Year 2023 Local Budget Act of 2022, effective September 9, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-166; 69 DCR 11412), are increased by \$38,873,004 (including (\$9,438,481) rescinded from local funds, \$858,474 added to special purpose revenue funds, and \$47,453,011 added to federal payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

Governmental Direction and Support

The appropriation for Governmental Direction and Support is decreased by (\$6,180,088) in local funds, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) Board of Elections: (\$150,000) is rescinded from local funds;
- (2) Contract Appeals Board: (\$10,000) is rescinded from local funds;
- (3) Department of General Services: (\$2,700,000) is rescinded from local funds;

33 (4) Department of Human Resources: (\$15,000) is rescinded from local
34 funds;

35 (5) Office of Disability Rights: (\$95,000) is rescinded from local funds;

36 (6) Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining: (\$296,884) is
37 rescinded from local funds;

38 (7) Office of the Chief Financial Officer: (\$2,393,204) is rescinded from
39 local funds;

40 (8) Office of the Inspector General: (\$500,000) is rescinded from local
41 funds; and

42 (9) Office of the Secretary of State: (\$20,000) is rescinded from local
43 funds.

44 **Economic Development and Regulation**

45 The appropriation for Economic Development and Regulation is decreased by
46 (\$6,744,023) (including (\$5,744,023) rescinded from local funds and (\$1,000,000)
47 rescinded from federal payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

48 (1) Department of Housing and Community Development: (\$4,655,023) is
49 rescinded from local funds;

50 (2) Department of Small and Local Business Development: (\$234,000) is
51 rescinded from local funds;

52 (3) Office of Planning: (\$350,000) is rescinded from local funds;

53 (4) Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development:
54 (\$1,375,000) is rescinded (including (\$375,000) rescinded from local and (\$1,000,000)
55 rescinded from federal payment funds for COVID relief);

56 (5) Office of the Tenant Advocate: (\$110,000) is rescinded from local
57 funds; and

58 (6) Real Property Tax Appeals Commission: (\$20,000) is rescinded from
59 local funds.

60 **Public Safety and Justice**

61 The appropriation for Public Safety and Justice is decreased by (\$21,713,158)
62 (including (\$13,102,001) rescinded from local funds, \$858,474 added to special purpose
63 revenue funds, and (\$9,469,630) rescinded from federal payment funds for COVID
64 relief), to be allocated as follows:

65 (1) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: (\$300,000) is rescinded from
66 local funds;

67 (2) Department of Corrections: (\$2,000,000) is rescinded from local funds;

68 (3) Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services: \$497,117 is added
69 (including (\$125,000) rescinded from local funds and \$622,117 added to special purpose
70 revenue funds);

71 (4) Metropolitan Police Department: (\$359,000) is rescinded from federal
72 payment funds for COVID relief;

73 (5) Office of Administrative Hearings: (\$600,000) is rescinded from local
74 funds;

75 (6) Office of Human Rights: (\$1,017,000) is rescinded from local funds;

76 (7) Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement: (\$2,162,998) is
77 rescinded (including (\$1,644,564) rescinded from local funds and (\$518,434) rescinded
78 from federal payment funds for COVID relief;

79 (8) Office of the Chief Medical Examiner: (\$130,000) is rescinded from
80 local funds;

81 (9) Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice: (\$195,921)
82 is rescinded from local funds;

83 (10) Office of Unified Communications: (\$1,763,643) is rescinded
84 (including (\$2,000,000) rescinded from local funds and \$236,357 added to special
85 purpose revenue funds);

86 (11) Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants: (\$13,656,712) is
87 rescinded (including (\$5,064,516) from local funds and (\$8,592,196) rescinded from
88 federal payment funds for COVID relief); and

89 (12) Office on Returning Citizens Affairs: (\$25,000) is rescinded from
90 local funds.

91 **Public Education System**

92 The appropriation for Public Education System is decreased by (\$54,861,168)
93 (including (\$38,425,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$16,436,168) rescinded from
94 federal payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

95 (1) Department of Employment Services: (\$20,272,836) is rescinded
96 (including (\$6,000,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$14,272,836) rescinded from
97 federal payment funds for COVID relief);

98 (2) Department of Parks and Recreation: (\$350,000) is rescinded from
99 local funds;

100 (3) District of Columbia Public Charter Schools: (\$12,000,000) is
101 rescinded from local funds;

102 (4) District of Columbia Public Schools: (\$15,000,000) is rescinded from
103 local funds;

104 (5) Non-Public Tuition: (\$4,000,000) is rescinded from local funds;

105 (6) Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education: (\$1,553,331) is rescinded
106 (including \$610,000 added to local funds and (\$2,163,331) rescinded from federal
107 payment funds for COVID relief); and

108 (7) Office of the State Superintendent of Education: (\$1,685,000) is
109 rescinded from local funds.

110 **Human Support Services**

111 The appropriation for Human Support Services is decreased by (\$48,004,639)
112 (including (\$126,517,635) rescinded from local funds and \$78,512,996 added to federal
113 payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

114 (1) Department of Behavioral Health: (\$698,694) is rescinded (including
115 (\$350,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$348,694) rescinded from federal payment
116 funds for COVID relief;

117 (2) Department on Disability Services: (\$3,700,000) is rescinded from
118 local funds;

119 (3) Department of Health: (\$567,983) is rescinded from local funds;

120 (4) Department of Health Care Finance: (\$7,730,000) is rescinded from local funds;

121 (5) Department of Human Services: (\$35,247,962) is rescinded (including
122 (\$114,109,652) rescinded from local funds and \$78,861,690 added to federal payment
123 funds for COVID relief; and

124 (6) Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services: (\$60,000)

125 is rescinded from local funds.

126 **Operations and Infrastructure**

127 The appropriation for Operations and Infrastructure is decreased by (\$14,539,830)
128 (including (\$11,054,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$3,485,830) rescinded from
129 federal payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

130 (1) Department of Buildings: (\$4,090,833) is rescinded (including
131 (\$2,500,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$1,590,833) rescinded from federal
132 payment funds for COVID relief);

133 (2) Department of Energy and Environment: (\$1,566,247) is rescinded
134 from federal payment funds for COVID relief;

135 (3) Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection: (\$1,038,750) is
136 rescinded (including (\$700,000) rescinded from local funds and (\$338,750) rescinded
137 from federal payment funds for COVID relief;

138 (4) Department of Motor Vehicles: (\$350,000) is rescinded from local
139 funds;

140 (5) Department of Public Works: (\$3,251,000) is rescinded from local
141 funds;

142 (6) Department of Transportation: (\$500,000) is rescinded from local
143 funds;

144 (7) Office of the People's Counsel: (\$153,000) is rescinded from local
145 funds; and

146 (8) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: (\$3,600,000) is
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Financing and Other

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The appropriation for Financing and Other is increased by \$190,915,000

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(including \$191,584,266 added to local funds and (\$668,356) rescinded from federal

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payment funds for COVID relief), to be allocated as follows:

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(1) Convention Center Transfer: (\$23,000,000) is rescinded from local

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funds;

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(2) Non-Departmental Account: \$12,932,644 is added (including

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\$13,601,000 added to local funds and (\$668,356) rescinded from federal payment funds

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((3) Repayment of Contingency Reserve Fund: \$18,976,779 is added to

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local funds;

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(4) Settlements and Judgments: (\$5,000,000) is rescinded from local

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(5) Workforce Investments Account: \$187,006,487 is added to local funds.

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Sec. 3. Capital project rescissions and increases.

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In Fiscal Year 2023, the capital project appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023

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shall be increased and decreased as set forth in the following tabular array:

Project Number (SOAR)	Project Number (DIFS)	Project Title	Funding Source	Increase or (Decrease)
AB102	100006	Archives	300	\$30,000,000
BR005	100498	H Street Bridge	300	\$14,758,275
THK17	100251	Emergency and Temporary Housing Upgrades	300	\$7,000,000
BRM18	100023	Daly/MPD Building Swing	300	\$7,000,000
LMS09	100628	Arboretum Bridge and Trail	300	\$6,040,000
YY1MA	100312	MacArthur Boulevard	300	\$5,965,380

SET38	100218	Southeast Tennis and Learning Center	300	\$5,562,500
RL31A	100967	CCWIS Implementation	300	\$5,448,310
LMS29	100639	Safety Infrastructure Around Schools	300	\$3,600,000
LMSAF	100641	Safety & Mobility	300	\$3,360,000
LMFAC	100586	Facilities	300	\$3,128,554
HX990	100973	Facility Upgrades	300	\$2,600,000
PL902	100144	Critical System Replacement	300	\$1,229,968
DIM01	100466	Enterprise Data Integration System	300	\$614,190
PL104	100133	ADA Compliance Pool	300	(\$10)
RM602	300046	Forensic Lobby Floor Upgrade 1100 Alabama Avenue	300	(\$1,000)
DPRMP	300052	DPR Master Plan Capital	300	(\$3,382)
PL108	100137	Big 3 Buildings Pool	300	(\$8,947)
DLY19	100446	Daly Building Rehabilitation - Phase One	300	(\$9,663)
PL102	100131	Elevator Pool	300	(\$14,415)
DP5KG	300020	King Greenleaf Rec Center Lighting Installation	300	(\$16,000)
PL601	100141	HVAC Repair Renovation Pool	300	(\$46,841)
PL106	100135	Government Centers Pool	300	(\$56,808)
PL101	100130	Shelter and Transitional Housing Pool	300	(\$62,621)
PL402	100140	Enhancement Communications Infrastructure	300	(\$66,779)
N1403	100106	One Judiciary Square	300	(\$83,524)
N1401	100105	Government Centers	300	(\$91,950)
DOTCB	300017	Claybrook Rd Pre Dev & Purchase	300	(\$93,478)
PL107	100136	Miscellaneous Buildings Pool	300	(\$204,323)
DAJC1	100357	Downtown American Job Center	304	(\$300,000)
SPC01	100242	DC United Soccer Stadium	300	(\$470,228)
HSW01	100077	Ward 1 Temporary Housing for Families	300	(\$925,289)
HSW01	100077	Ward 1 Temporary Housing for Families	304	(\$56,211)
PL9PR	100146	Public Restrooms	300	(\$1,140,000)
BU0B0	100448	Bus-Vehicle Replacement	300	(\$1,173,917)
BU0B0	100448	Bus-Vehicle Replacement	304	(\$351,704)
SGAMX	100222	Single Shelter Replacements - MP	300	(\$2,000,000)
HC102	100075	DC Animal Shelter Renovation & Expansion	300	(\$4,162,500)
NAS23	100108	Future DC Health Animal Shelter	300	(\$4,500,000)
GI5FH	100059	Foxhall Modernization/Renovation	300	(\$5,965,379)
B25RN	100010	DOC HQ and READY Center	300	(\$7,000,000)

BRMCB	100032	DDOT - Circulator Bus Depot - Clay Brick	300	(\$13,000,000)
LMJKB	100098	Key Bridge Exxon Property	300	(\$14,000,000)
THK22	100254	Singles Shelter Replacement 1 and 2	300	(\$40,502,209)

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Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

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Sec. 5. Effective date.

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This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



BRIAN L. SCHWALB
ATTORNEY GENERAL



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tommy Wells
Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Megan D. Browder *MDB*
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: March 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Bills, the “Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2023” and “Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Temporary Act of 2023”, and Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution (AE-23-290)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and has found it to be legally sufficient as stated in the accompanying legal sufficiency memo. If you have any questions regarding this certification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-5524.

Megan D. Browder