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Dear Mayor Bowser,

On February 16, 2023, I transmitted a letter containing a number of my Ward 1 budget priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Based on this year's performance oversight hearings as well as additional budget related meetings with local stakeholders, this second letter contains several of my citywide budget priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. I respectfully request that you consider including these priorities in your Fiscal Year 2023 budget submission to the Council.

Education

- Establish a Flexible Scheduling Fund through OSSE to allow schools to implement flexible schedules (\$10 million)
- Fund a "Grow Your Own" program to allow DC high school students and paraprofessionals to obtain teacher licenses (\$3 million)
- Stabilize funding for the Department of Behavioral Health's School-Based Behavioral Health Program (\$8.2 million)
- Hire a Dual Language Coordinator for all DCPS dual language schools (\$1 million)
- Enhance local funding for the OSSE educator wellness and retention grants (\$750,000)
- Enhance general support funding for Out-of-School-Time programs (\$10 million)
- Increase outdoor learning and equity of access to outdoor space through expansion of the FoodPrints DC Program to 21 schools (\$1.9 million)
- Add funding to the Healthy School Meals Fund (\$8 million)
- Update the funding model for Columbia Heights and Cardozo Education Campuses so that they receive the Education Campus student multiplier
- Provide additional funding to DCPS schools in order to maintain consistent levels of support for teachers, students and staff in all facilities (utilizing the enrollment figure 53,846 to better reflect the mobility data)
- Increase funding for Early Literacy Intervention Grants (\$2.6 million)

- Fund the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling program (\$6.6 million)

Public Safety

- Increase funding for Nightlife Task Force programs
- Enhance funding for domestic violence services and providers to respond to domestic violence survivors and their needs (\$9.6 million)
- Enhance funding for LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency Training for First Responders by the Office of LGBTQ Affairs (\$30,000 enhancement)
- Establish a position for a Violence Prevention and Response Team Coordinator in the Office of LGBTQ Affairs (\$200,000 recurring)
- Fully fund the *Safer Streets Amendment Act of 2022* (\$3.4 million recurring)

Community, Workforce Development and Business

- Enhance funding for eight additional SWEEP Inspectors – one additional Inspector per Ward (\$800,000 recurring)
- Increase funding for Clean Teams to allow for cost-of-living adjustments and other retention measures
- Increase funding for Main Streets to allow for cost-of-living adjustments and other retention measures
- Enhance funding for Great Streets and increase the maximum per-business grant amount to \$100,000
- Fund an additional FTE at the Office of LGBTQ Affairs for an Employment Coordinator/Case Management Advocate (\$75,000)
- Fund the gap in the operating costs of the newly established DC LGBTQ+ Community Center (\$200,000)
- Fund a 10-year extension of the United Negro College Fund headquarters tax abatement (\$2.1 million)
- Fund the implementation of the *Domestic Worker Employment Rights Amendment Act* (\$912,000)
- Fund the *Local Residents Voting Rights Bill* (\$2.06 million)

Housing and Homeless Services

- Sufficiently fund the emergency rental assistance program (\$117 million)
- Increase funding for the Public Housing Repairs and Maintenance Fund (\$60 million)
- Maintain FY2023 funding for Project Reconnect, Homeless Prevention Program, and Solid Foundations DC
- Preserve Council investments in housing those experiencing homelessness (PSH, TAH, LRSP)

- Enhance funding for the Comprehensive Street Outreach Network to allow for cost-of-living adjustments and other retention measures
- Fund an expansion of domestic violence housing units (\$18.6 million)
- Fund storage for unhoused District residents (\$1.5 million)

Health

- Establish a living wage of \$24 per hour for Direct Care Workers (\$45 million)
- Increase local investment in community-based behavioral health services (\$9.5 million)
- Fund two 24-hour harm reduction centers (\$15 million)
- Fund *Give SNAP a Raise Amendment Act* (\$51.2 million)
- Fund the *No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act* (\$26.1 million)

I know that you have many important priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and that you will be weighing input from many stakeholders. I appreciate your consideration of the above listed priorities.

Sincerely,



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