

TO: Phil Mendelson, Chairperson, DC Council  
Chairperson, Committee of the Whole  
The John Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

**RE: FY 2025 City-Wide Budget Priorities**

**WHEREAS** The 2025 FY DC Budget has cut and defunded many citywide priorities;

**WHEREAS** While this list is not exhaustive, the following city-wide priorities should not be eliminated or cut:

1. Fill the **\$235,000** budget gap for School Without Walls High School (“SWWHS”) to retain two teachers (Chinese & Theatre), in support of the demands of students of SWWHS.
2. Restore full funding to the Criminal Code Reform Commission.
3. Provide additional funding for the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) so that the OAG Office of Consumer Protection, and Worker Rights Division and Fraud Section of the Criminal Division may be expanded.
4. Allocate funding of **\$197,000** for the Foggy Bottom/West End Main Streets program.
5. Fully restore Baby Bonds funding.
6. Restore **\$10 million** for the childcare subsidy program<sup>1</sup>
7. Restore full funding in the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund (PEF).
8. Restore the **\$5 million** cut to Rapid Rehousing for Individuals, and add \$2.5 million to create an additional 100 slots so that all individuals who are eligible and interested can enter the program immediately.
9. Provide additional funding to the Office of Tenant Advocate.
10. Sustain and improve on funding levels for the Foggy Bottom-West End Village and the West End Library.
11. Provide funding that is sufficient to fulfill Office of United Communications’ goal to ultimately employ 105 911 call-taker Full Time Employees (“FTE”) and 113 dispatcher FTEs.
12. Establish the District’s First Affordable Housing for LGBTQQIA+ Seniors in Ward 2.
13. Provide funding to hire 18 FTEs at the Department of Human Services (DHS) in FY24.
14. Address DC’s Housing Crisis by increasing housing stability, affordability, and homeownership safety:
  - a. Build 450 to 625 new deeply affordable housing units: ***\$125 million to the Housing Production Trust Fund.***

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<sup>1</sup> [FY 2025 Budget Must Address Hardship with Equitably Raised Revenue \(dcfpi.org\)](https://dcfpi.org/)

- b. Help residents facing financial crises remain in stable housing to avoid homelessness: ***\$50 million to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.***
- c. Offer homeownership and generational wealth-building opportunities by providing interest-free housing loans and closing cost assistance for 190 low-income households: ***\$29 million to the Home Purchasing Assistance Program.***
- d. Ensure District employees can afford to live in the District: ***\$6 million to the DC Employer-Assisted Housing Program.***

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission requests that funding be allocated for the foregoing priorities.

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