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Fiscal Outlook in the Region For FY09 & FY10

Projected Budget Shortfall Going into Budget Formulation

- District of Columbia
 - FY09 \$394 million
 - FY10 \$802 million
 - Stimulus funding \$885.5 million
- Maryland
 - FY09 \$1.5 billion
 - FY10 \$1.9 billion
 - Stimulus funding \$4 billion
- Virginia
 - FY09 \$2.3 billion
 - FY10 \$1.8 billion
 - Stimulus funding \$4.5 billion







FY10 Budget and Financial Plan Balanced

- Nearly 4% cut in local funds appropriated
- 1,631 FTE positions eliminated
- Conversion of Special Purpose Revenues to Local
 - FY09 \$7.8 million
 - FY10 \$38.9 million
- Fund Balance Use
 - FY09 \$154 million
 - FY10 \$106.8 million
- Revenue Proposals
 - FY09 \$4.5 million
 - FY10 \$23.4 million







DC Council FY10 Budget Actions

- Maintained focus on Public Education Reform
 - Increased funding for expanded Pre-K
 - Identified funds for expanded adult education
 - Identified \$16.7M for Charter Schools facilities cuts
 - Established the State Board of Education as an independent agency
 - Focused Office of Deputy Mayor for Education on school reform oversight
 - Independent Review Established
- Strengthened Public Safety
 - Increased Police Officers to 4,200
 - Restored the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Commission
 - Eliminated the E-911 fee/tax







DC Council FY10 Budget Actions (cont.)

- Retained COLA for standard deduction, personal exemption and homestead deduction, cut in the Mayor's proposed budget
- Enhanced Infrastructure and Transportation
 - 11th Street Bridge
 - 14th Street Bridge
- \$8.3M in Employee Raises
- Maintained capital funds for DDOT-related storm water work
- Maintained threatened Boys and Girls Clubs
- Merged Washington Convention Center with Sports and Entertainment Commission







District Fiscal Challenges Ahead

- Tax collections for the 12 months ending in March were 1.9% below those for the previous year the first decline in 12-month collections since February 2003
- Further shortfalls may occur in June 22nd revenue estimates, which may lead to further cuts
- FY10 Budget and Financial Plan leaves \$164 million in recurring programs unfunded in FY11 and beyond
- Unclear whether economic recovery will occur before stimulus funds dry up







Other Regional Issues

- Anacostia River Clean-up and Protection Act "Bag Bill" Adopted
- DC Voting Rights Legislation
 - Emancipation Day
- Established Department of Health Care Finance
- Opened "New Beginnings" Youth Development Center in Laurel
 - Will replace "Oak Hill" and house up to 60 committed youth



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