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FY2016 Budget Recommendations

Fair Budget Coalition FY2016 Budget Report Executive Summary

FBC believes we can make serious headway in alleviating poverty by making the following commitments:

Housing and Homelessness

- 1) Provide year-round access to shelter for DC's homeless families.
- 2) Invest \$12 million in the DHS Permanent Supportive Housing program to put DC on track to ending chronic homelessness by the end of 2016.
- 3) Invest \$10 million in the Local Rent Supplement Program, including \$5 million for tenant-based vouchers and \$5 million for the project/sponsor-based component of the program.

Good Jobs, Workforce Development and Income Supports

- 1) Invest \$3 million to implement worker protection laws, including:
 - a) \$1.6 million to fund additional staff with the Department of Employment Services and administrative judges to enforce minimum wage, paid leave, worker misclassification, and other wage theft laws;
 - b) \$300,000 for public education about the Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2013 and the Earned Sick and Safe Leave Amendment Act of 2013;
 - c) \$170,000 for the Office of Human Rights to implement the Unemployed Anti-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2012;
 - d) \$122,000 for the Department of Employment Services to implement the Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2014; and
 - e) \$801,000 to restore a fair process for injured public sector workers.
- 2) Fund extensions to 6,000 DC families who have received TANF for more than 60 months and are either facing barriers to employment or, despite their best efforts, cannot find sufficient employment.
- 3) Create a \$2 million Innovation Fund to support the recommendations of the Adult Career Pathways Task Force.

Public Safety

- 1) Invest an additional \$1.3M to increase the baseline budget of the Office of Victim Services to a total of \$18M (and supplement this amount as necessary to support culturally-specific programming to underserved communities);
- 2) Fully fund the Domestic Violence Hotline and the costs of implementing the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act.
- 3) Increase by approximately \$154,000 the Department of Human Services funds devoted to domestic violence housing and services, bringing the amount to parity with federal Family Violence Prevention Services Act grant monies.

Food, Health, and Nutrition

Maintain funding for the DC Healthcare Alliance at \$50 Million.

Tax and Revenue

- 1) Raise the property tax rates on high value homes in the District.**
- 2) Make DC's tax system more progressive by increasing taxes for DC's highest income residents.**
- 3) Maintain the DC estate tax threshold at the present level (\$1 million).**
- 4) Spend 50% of the year-end surplus to fund one-time spending needs.**

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