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| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 21-0084R-Informational Hearing-Implementation of the "Water4All" Program and the Water Accountability and Equity Act | | |

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The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 Room 400, City Hall

May 6, 2022

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0084R, Informational Hearing-Implementation of the "Water4All" Program and the Water Accountability and Equity Act, the purpose of which is to have the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Department of Finance, and the Office of the City Administrator inform the Council on the implementation process of the Water-for-All Discount Program and the Water Accountability and Equity Act.

The Water Accountability and Equity Act, City Council Bill 18-0307, was introduced in December 2018 and enacted in January 2020. The Act creates a Water-for-All Discount Program, and Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals, and a Committee for Office Oversight. Since then, the Department of Finance has actively participated in workgroups facilitated by the Department of Public Works to work through the logistics of implementing the legislation. Applications for the program opened in February 2022 and applicants can apply for assistance retroactively dating back to July 2021.

The Department of Finance will attend the hearing for this Resolution and respond to any fiscal inquiries concerning the implementation of the Water Accountability and Equity Act.

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