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TO

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

DATE:
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Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0118 establishes a grant program to fund community-based initiatives, provides funding for the program and allocation of funds, directs the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to administer the program, adopts rules and regulations and defines program elements. The proposed source of funding is assets confiscated by the Police Department and forfeited to the Mayor and City Council as revenue appropriated in the Ordinance of Estimates.

The City Charter grants sole authority to the Board of Estimates to repurpose funds within an agency for new programs or activities, and the Board must initiate any funds transfers between agencies (see Article 6, Sections 8 and 9).

The actions proposed in this bill are outside of the City Council's authority. Therefore, the Department does not support approval of City Council Bill #08-0118

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