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

Attention: Ms. Natawna Austin

City Council Bill 15-0590 has been introduced to prohibit the demolition or reconstruction of City-owned structures used for a municipal purpose (including schools, offices, recreation facilities, and neighborhood centers), unless the demolition or reconstruction has been expressly authorized by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

The proposed bill does not have a direct fiscal impact, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) receives an allocation of funding for demolition in each year's Capital budget. However, Finance shares HCD's concern that adding a further processing step into ongoing demolitions would increase administrative costs and counteract the City's effort to make the process more streamlined and efficient. In addition, a delay in response time to emergency situations could lead to legal claims that may arise from potential safety issues.

Based on the above findings, the Department of Finance defers to the position of HCD on this legislation as the subject-matter experts on the demolition process.

cc: Henry Raymond
Angela Gibson

Defers to HCD