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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2001

TO: Laura Engan, Budget & Management Division Director
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CC: Ald. Fredrick G. Gordon, Chair, Finance & Personnel Committee
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FROM: Ald. Michael S. D'Amato

RE: File #010193 – Resolution directing expenditure of 2001 budget year departmental funds

I have a number of questions regarding this file that would assist me in making more informed decisions regarding the proposed changes to the 2001 adopted budget. The questions attempt to get at the impacts of the proposed cuts and their long-term implications for services provided by the City. Please don't respond by indicating that savings will be met by "departmental operating efficiencies." Provide specifics. I would greatly appreciate receiving the requested information prior to our June 13 Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. Thank you.

◆ Dept. of Administration

- Reducing operating expenditures by 117,903
- ITMD – 80,000
- BOD – 19,003

What projects and services will be delayed, eliminated or cut to achieve savings?

◆ Dept. of City Development

- Savings from brownfield grants - \$36,748 by replacing operating funds with grant funds.
- The 2001 budget anticipated both sources and revenue at 100% of budgeted amount.

What sites/projects will be eliminated or delayed because of the reduction?



◆ Election Commission

- Reduce use of technical consultant - \$5,000

What was the project the consultant was to work on? When will it be completed if funding is eliminated?

- Reduce equipment replacement costs by - \$10,125.

Do used City Attorney's office computers offer the same technological capabilities new computers would have and are they upgradeable? If not, what functions don't they perform that were required when originally budgeted?

◆ Fire & Police Commission

- Reduce operating expense through reduction in printing and advertising budget - \$20,0481.

What won't be printed that was included in the original budget plan?

◆ Health Department

- Reduce Operating Expenditures by \$118,917.

What services will be reduced or left undone that were in the original budget plan?

◆ DPW – Buildings & Fleet

- Reduction in fleet equipment purchases.

What equipment is involved? How long will purchases be delayed? The committee heard much testimony at budget time about how short-term savings on equipment purchases created real long-term budget losses. What is different now?

- 15% reduction in Custodial Services – eliminate 2 custodial workers.

How many custodial positions will remain? How many of these positions were there in 1988 and 1996? How will the duties and responsibilities be altered to maintain the current service level? What duties/services will be eliminated?

- 10% reduction in O & M Painting – eliminate 1 painter position.

What will not be painted this year? What were the staffing levels of the 3 positions in 1988 and 1996?

- 5% reduction in Electrical Maintenance - eliminate 1 electrical mechanic

What projects/services will be delayed/eliminated from the original budget? What were staffing levels of the position in 1988 and 1996?