

- 1) Please provide, as an attachment to your answers, a current organizational chart for your agency with the number of vacant and filled FTEs marked in each box. Include the names of all senior personnel. Also include the effective date on the chart.

ANSWER: See Attachment #1

- 2) Please provide, as an attachment, a Schedule A for your agency which identifies all employees (including part-time) by title/position, current salary, fringe benefits, and program office as of January 31, 2024. The Schedule A also should indicate all vacant positions in the agency. Please do not include Social Security numbers.

ANSWER: See Attachment #2

- 3) Please list as of January 31 all employees detailed to or from your agency, if any, anytime this fiscal year. For each employee identified, please provide the name of the agency the employee is detailed to or from, the reason for the detail, the date the detail began, and the employee's actual or projected date of return.

ANSWER: NONE

- 4) For fiscal year 2023 and 2024, please list each employee whose annual salary was \$125,000 or more. For each employee listed provide the name, position title, salary, and amount of any overtime and any bonus pay.

ANSWER: NONE

- 5) Please list, in descending order, the top 15 overtime earners in your agency for fiscal year 2023. For each, state the employee's name, position or title, salary, and aggregate overtime pay.

ANSWER: NONE

- 6) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31), please provide a list of employee bonuses or special award pay granted that identifies the employee receiving the bonus or special pay, the amount received, and the reason for the bonus or special pay.

ANSWER: NONE

- 7) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31), please list each employee separated from the agency with separation pay. State the amount and number of weeks of pay. Also, for each, state the reason for the separation.

ANSWER: NONE

- 8) For fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 (as of January 31), please state the total number of employees receiving worker's compensation payments.

ANSWER: NONE

- 9) Please provide the name of each employee who was or is on administrative leave in fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31). In addition, for each employee identified, please provide: (1) their position; (2) a brief description of the reason they were placed on leave; (3) the dates they were/are on administrative leave; (4) whether the leave was/is paid or unpaid; and (5) their current status (as of January 31).

ANSWER: NONE

- 10) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31), please list, in chronological order, all intra-District transfers to or from the agency. Give the date, amount, and reason for the transfer.

ANSWER: NONE

- 11) Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming of funds into or out of the agency for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31). Include a “bottom line” that explains the revised final budget for your agency. For each reprogramming, list the reprogramming number (if submitted to the Council for approval), the date, the amount, and the rationale.

ANSWER: NONE

- 12) Please list, in chronological order, every reprogramming within your agency during fiscal year 2024 to date. Also, include both known and anticipated intraagency reprogrammings. For each, give the date, amount, and rationale.

ANSWER: NONE

- 13) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31), please identify each special purpose revenue fund maintained by, used by, or available for use by your agency. For each fund identified, provide: (1) the revenue source name and code; (2) the source of funding; (3) a description of the programs that generates the funds; (4) the amount of funds generated annually by each source or program; and (5) expenditures of funds, including the purpose of each expenditure. For (4) and (5) give starting and ending balances. You may wish to present this information first as a list (for numbers 1-5) and then as separate tables for numbers 4 and 5.

ANSWER: *There is no special purpose revenue. However, as noted above the agency does receive donations.*

- 14) Please provide a table showing your agency’s Council-approved original budget, revised budget (after reprogrammings, etc.) for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and the first quarter of 2024. In addition, please explain the variances between fiscal year appropriations and actual expenditures for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

ANSWER: See Attachment #3

- 15) Please list all memoranda of understanding (MOU) either entered into by your agency or in effect during fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31). For each, describe its purpose, indicate the date entered, and provide the actual or anticipated termination date.

ANSWER: NONE

- 16) D.C. Law requires the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer to submit to the Council, simultaneously with a proposed budget submission, actual copies of all agency budget enhancements requests, such as the “Form B” for all District agencies (See D.C. Code § 47- 318.05a). In order to help the Committee understand agency needs, and the cost of those needs for your agency, please provide, as an attachment to your answers, all budget enhancement requests submitted by your agency to the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer as part of the budget process for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

ANSWER: NONE

- 17) Please list all pending lawsuits that name your agency (or any of you, in your official capacity) as a party. Please identify which cases on the list are lawsuits that potentially expose the city to significant liability in terms of money and/or change in practices. The Committee is not asking for your judgment as to the city’s liability; rather, we are asking about the extent of the claim. For those claims identified, please include an explanation about the issues for each case.

ANSWER: NONE

- 18) (a) Please list and describe any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency that were completed at any time in fiscal years 2023 or 2024 (as of January 31).

ANSWER: *The revenues and expenditures for FY23 will be audited in accordance with DC law at the end of the fiscal year, which still has not been initiated.*

- (b) Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports of your agency or any employee of your agency.

ANSWER: *The revenues and expenditures for FY23 will be audited in accordance with DC law at the end of the fiscal year, which still has not been initiated.*

- 19) (a) Please describe the agency’s procedures for investigating allegations of sexual harassment committed by or against its employees.

ANSWER: *The Commissions follow the same procedures as other independent DC Government agencies, including Mayor’s Order 2023-131.*

(b) If different, please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of misconduct.

ANSWER: *The Commissions follow the same procedures as other independent DC Government agencies, including Mayor's Order 2023-131.*

(c) List chronologically and describe each allegation of sexual harassment and misconduct received by the agency in FY 2023 and FY 2024 (as of January 31) and the resolution of each as of the date of your answer.

ANSWER: NONE

- 20) In table format, please list the following for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31, 2024) regarding the agency's use of SmartPay (credit) cards for agency purchases: (1) individuals (by name and title/position) authorized to use the cards; (2) purchase limits (per person, per day, etc.); and (3) total spent (by person and for the agency).

Name	Title	Fiscal year	Total Spent	Purchase Limit
Angely Sema	Executive Director	FY2023 Total	\$75,210.29	\$20,000/Month
Agency total	One Card Only	FY2023 Total	\$75,210.29	\$20,000/Month

Name	Title	Fiscal year	Total Spent	Purchase Limit
Angely Sema	Executive Director	FY2024 To Date	\$24,232.74	\$20,000/Month
Agency total	One Card Only	FY2024 To Date	\$24,232.74	\$20,000/Month

- 21) Please provide a list of all procurements for goods or services for use by your agency over \$10,000 for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31). Give a brief explanation of each, including the name of the contractor, purpose of the contract, and the total dollar amount of the contract. Exclude from this answer purchase card (SmartPay) purchases.

ANSWER: NONE

- 22) In table format, please provide the following information for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (as of January 31) regarding your agency's authorization of employee travel: (1) each trip outside the region on official business or at agency expense; (2) individuals (by name and title/position) who traveled outside the region; (3) total expense for each trip (per person, per trip, etc.); (4) what agency or entity paid for the trips; and (5) justification for the travel (per person and trip).

1. Trips Taken Outside the Region

Event	Location	Dates
82 nd Nevada State Legislature	Carson City, Nevada, USA	02/03/23 - 02/07/23
Louisiana Trustee Education Council (LATEC)	New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	02/15/23 - 02/18/23
UNPO General Assembly	Barcelona, Spain, EU	04/19/23 - 04/24/23
I AM ME Group	Delaware, USA	06/02/23 - 06/04/23
World League for Freedom and Democracy Conference	Taipei, Taiwan	10/02/23 - 10/08/23
International Uyghur Global Parliamentarian Convention	Tokyo, Japan	10/27/23 - 11/02/23
Guam Legislative Hearing	Guam, USA	11/03/23 - 11/08/23
UNPO Presidency Meeting	London, UK	01/11/24 - 01/16/24
Nebraska State Legislature Hearing	Lincoln, Nebraska, USA	02/20/24 – 02/22/24

2. Individuals Authorized to Travel Outside the Region

Particulars	Title
A. Mayor Muriel Bowser	Co-Chair New Columbia Statehood Commission
B. Chairman Phil Mendelson	Co-Chair New Columbia Statehood Commission
C. Senator Paul Strauss	Ranking Member, Office of Statehood Delegation
D. Senator Michael D. Brown	Junior Senator, Office of Statehood Delegation
E. Adeoye I. Yakubu Owolewa	U.S. Representative, Office of Statehood Delegation
F. Angely Sema	Executive Director, Office of Statehood Delegation

3. Total Expenses for Each Trip

Event	Expenses / Paid By
Carson City, Nevada, USA	\$2,096.36 / Agency
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	\$1,519.06 / Agency + Conference Sponsor
Barcelona, Spain, EU	\$ 5,091.09 / Agency
Delaware, USA	\$840.08 / Agency
Taipei, Taiwan	\$702.00 / Agency + Conference Sponsor
Tokyo, Japan	\$3,563.09 / Agency + Conference Sponsor
Guam, USA	\$3,765.34 / Agency
London, UK	\$2,441.97 Agency
Lincoln, Nebraska, USA	• Trip Pending / Agency

ANSWER: *Yes, although some lodging and other costs were paid by event sponsors.*

5. Justification for the Travel

Event	Justification	Attendees
82 nd Nevada State Legislature Session	Senator Paul Strauss, as the ranking member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, was invited as a special guest of Assistant Majority Leader Senator Roberta A. Lange to the opening day of the 82nd Nevada State Legislature. Senator Strauss also met with Nevada delegates and discussed strategies on how to advocate for DC Statehood in Nevada. Nevada is a Target State for the promotion of DC Statehood.	Senator Paul Strauss

Louisiana Trustee Education Council (LATEC)	Senator Paul Strauss, ranking member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, was invited as a keynote speaker for remarks to the Louisiana Trustee Education Council (LATEC). Additionally, Senator Strauss met with Louisiana delegates during the visit to strategize on how to advocate for DC Statehood in Louisiana.	Senator Paul Strauss
UNPO General Assembly	As part of the International Outreach Initiative approved by the NCSC, the District of Columbia is a Voting Member of the UNPO Presidency Council. Which makes it eligible to send a delegation to the UNPO Presidency Meeting as well as the UNPO General Assembly. Senator Strauss, as the ranking member, is an elected and voting member representing the District of Columbia. These trips are part of the INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OUTREACH Initiative approved by the COMMISSION. Senator Strauss was joined by Executive Director Angely Sema.	Executive Director Angely Sema And Senator Paul Strauss &
I AM ME Group	Representative Adeoye I. Yakubu Owolewa as a member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission traveled to Wilmington, Delaware to address members of the I AM ME group- an LGBTQ+ social and educational non-profit organization based in Delaware.	Representative Adeoye I. Yakubu Owolewa
WLFD Forum on Freedom and Democracy	Senator Strauss, as the ranking member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, was invited as a keynote speaker for the Forum on Freedom and Democracy Towards Peace, organized by the World League for Freedom and Democracy. Senator Strauss also met with Taiwan's Legislative members.	Senator Paul Strauss
International Uyghur Forum Global Parliamentarian Convention (IUF)	Senator Strauss explained the importance of DC Statehood as a violation of International Law in the context of the current global challenges at the International Uyghur Forum Global Parliamentarian Convention. The event was held at the Japanese Diet and featured Members of Parliament from around the world.	Senator Paul Strauss
37 th Guam Legislature Hearing on DC Statehood Resolution	Senator Strauss, ranking member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, was invited by the Committee on Federal, Foreign and Regional Affairs, Government of Guam, to participate in a scheduled hearing on the Resolution no. 226-37 relative to supporting DC Statehood for the people of the District of Columbia. The Vice- Speaker of the 37th Guam Legislature, Madam Tina Muña Barnes, introduced the resolution. Senator Strauss also met with relative stakeholders as set by the office of Vice- Speaker of 37th Guam Legislature.	Senator Paul Strauss
UNPO Presidency Meeting	As part of the International Organizations Outreach Initiative approved by the NCSC, the District of Columbia is a Voting Member of the UNPO Presidency Council. Which makes it eligible to send a delegate to the UNPO Presidency Meeting. Senator Strauss, as the ranking member, is an elected and voting member representing the District of Columbia.	Senator Paul Strauss
Nebraska State Legislature Hearing on DC Statehood Resolution	Senator Michael D. Brown, as a member of the New Columbia Statehood Commission, is traveling to Lincoln, Nebraska. He was invited by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee in the Nebraska Legislature to participate in a scheduled hearing on the Legislative Resolution 146 (LR 146) to be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 1:30pm CST / 2:30pm EST, relative to supporting DC Statehood for the people of the District of Columbia. Senator Brown will also be meeting with the Nebraska Senators and discuss strategies on how to advocate for DC Statehood in Nebraska.	Senator Michael D. Brown

- 23) Please provide and itemize, as of January 31, 2024, the current number of When Actually Employed (WAE), term, and contract personnel within your agency. If your agency employs WAE, term, or contract personnel, please provide, in table format, the name of each employee, position title, the length of his or her term or contract, the date on which he or she first started with your agency, and the date on which his or her current term expires.

ANSWER: NONE

- 24) Did your agency receive any FOIA requests in fiscal year 2023? If yes, did the agency file a report of FOIA disclosure activities with the Secretary of the District of Columbia? If available, please provide a copy of that report as an attachment. Also state here the total cost incurred by your agency for each fiscal year 2022, 2023, and 2024 (as of January 31) related to FOIA.

ANSWER: NONE

- 25) (a) How much was raised in each of the last three years (FY 2021, 2022, and 2023) from the check off on the District's individual tax return?

Year	Check off on the District's Individual Tax Return
FY2021	\$104,827.29
FY2022	\$68,712.99
FY2023	\$62,360.19

- (b) How, if at all, would you like this program changed?

ANSWER: *The Delegation Members would like the restriction on payment of Direct Salaries to Members from Tax-Check Off Funds repealed.*

- (c) How much was transferred in each of the last three years to the "Statehood Initiatives" budget agency and how has it been spent?

Year	Transferred	Spent
FY2021	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY2022	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
FY2023	\$50,000.00	\$30,673.65

Attachment #1

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| New Columbia Statehood
| Commission†
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| Office of the Statehood
Delegation

Attachment #2

ARO- Statehood Initiative Agency

Posn Nbr	Title	Name	Emplid	PT/FT	Grade	Step	Salary
00086162	Exec. Director	Sema, Angely*	Redacted	F	11	2	\$ 77,873.00
00086132	Staff Assistant	Szulgit, Karen	Redacted	F	9	5	\$ 61,110.00

* Position Identified as Legislative Specialist for DCHR Classification Purposes

Attachment #3

Original and Revised Budget

FY2022 Local Funds Original vs. Revised							
Program Title	Activity Title	Appropriated Fund	Program	Activity	FY 2022 Original Budget	FY 2022 Revised Budget	FY 2022 Expenditures
OFFICE OF THE STATEHOOD DELEGATION	OFFICE OF THE STATEHOOD DELEGATION-PS	0100	2010	2010	\$163,357	\$163,357	\$173,222
NEW COLUMBIA STATEHOOD COMMISSION	NEW COLUMBIA STATEHOOD COMMISSION-NPS	0100	3010	3010	\$77,635	\$84,887	\$75,022
Total					\$240,992	\$248,244	\$248,244
<i>Total FY2022 Local Funds Original vs. Revised as of 01/31/2022</i>					\$240,992	\$248,244	\$248,244
<i>Total FY2022 Original vs. Revised</i>					\$240,992	\$248,244	\$248,244

FY2022 Private Donations Funds Original vs. Revised							
Program Title	Activity Title	Appropriated Fund	Program	Activity	FY 2022 Original Budget	FY 2022 Revised Budget	FY 2020 Expenditures
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	0450	1000	1010	\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000
Total					\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000
<i>Total FY2022 Private Donations Funds Original vs. Revised</i>					\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000
<i>Total FY2022 Original vs. Revised</i>					\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000

FY2023 Local Funds Original vs. Revised							
Program Title	Cost Center Title	Appropriated Fund	Program	Cost Code	FY 2023 Original Budget	FY 2023 Revised Budget	FY 2023 Expenditures
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE OPERATIONS	OFFICE OF THE STATEHOOD DELEGATION	0100	500068	50138	\$187,877	\$176,534	\$163,362
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE OPERATIONS	NEW COLUMBIA STATEHOOD COMMISSION	0100	500068	50139	\$59,886	\$71,229	\$42,315
Total					\$247,763	\$247,763	\$205,677
<i>Total FY2023 Local Funds Original vs. Revised</i>					\$247,763	\$247,763	\$205,677
<i>Total FY2023 Original vs. Revised</i>					\$247,763	\$247,763	\$205,677

FY2023 Private Donations Funds Original vs. Revised							
Program Title	Activity Title	Appropriated Fund	Program	Cost Code	FY 2023 Original	FY 2023 Revised Budget	FY 2023 Expenditures
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	STATEHOOD INITIATIVE AGENCY	0450	500068	50138	\$0	\$50,000	\$30,674
Total					\$0	\$50,000	\$30,674
<i>Total FY2023 Private Donations Funds Original vs. Revised</i>					\$0	\$50,000	\$30,674
<i>Total FY2023 Original vs. Revised</i>					\$0	\$50,000	\$30,674

FY2024 Local Funds Original vs. Revised							
Program Title	Cost Center Title	Appropriated Fund	Program	Cost Code	FY 2024 Original Budget	FY 2024 Revised Budget	FY 2024 Expenditures
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE OPERATIONS	OFFICE OF THE STATEHOOD DELEGATION	0100	500068	50138	\$161,657	\$161,657	\$54,215
STATEHOOD INITIATIVE OPERATIONS	NEW COLUMBIA STATEHOOD COMMISSION	0100	500068	50139	\$105,226	\$105,226	\$20,661
Total					\$266,883	\$266,883	\$74,875
<i>Total FY2023 Local Funds Original vs. Revised as of 01/31/2024</i>					\$266,883	\$266,883	\$74,875
<i>Total FY2024 Original vs. Revised</i>					\$266,883	\$266,883	\$74,875