



**Executive Office of the Mayor
Vaughn D. Spencer**

April 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Francis Acosta, City Council President

COPY: City Council
City Solicitor
City Auditor
Managing Director
Department Heads
Gordon Mann

SUBJECT: Initiation of the 2015 budget process

It has been brought to my attention that City Council may intend to initiate 2015 budget talks either as part or in lieu of the scheduled Act 73 special meetings. Council is certainly able to discuss their position on the upcoming budget, and I welcome their effort to identify and develop their priorities ahead of schedule.

Please understand, however, that the Administration has not agreed to participate in any such meeting at this time, and will continue to not participate in the previously scheduled Act 73 meetings as originally planned. We will instead be concentrating our efforts on developing a complete solution to the anticipated budget deficit by considering a new proposal from RAWA, as stated in my previous memo, and my offer to have three members of Council participate still stands.

Once we have come up with a workable solution that addresses the deficit within the broader parameters that also protect the long term interests of the city, we will proceed with preparing and presenting the 2015 budget, in the manner laid out in the City Charter. I am optimistic that both avoiding a fiscal crisis and passing a balanced budget can be done.


Vaughn D. Spencer, Mayor