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Sophia,

Thank you for keeping our office updated on the work of the Budget and Finance Committee over the past month of hearings. Having been through this process many times, I know you and the Chair have been putting in the hours, and it's no small task! Apologies I wasn't able to review everything before this weekend, so just getting you these thoughts now.

As Supervisor Peskin does not sit on the Budget and Finance Committee, our office has generally deferred to the expertise of the Budget and Finance Committee members, including the leadership of the Chair and Vice-Chair. After reviewing Chair Cohen's spending proposal, I think that we are generally in alignment on the budget priorities that deserve further investment. My main piece of feedback is that the initial \$24.8 million over two years is too conservative, but I also recognize that this is just an estimated starting point from the Chair. (By comparison, the Board approved a spending plan of \$45.4 million last year, and I imagine that the Budget and Finance Committee will be working to ensure equitable coverage in an amount closer to that number in the days ahead.)

As you know, our District "add-back" list has been a work in progress, and Supervisor Peskin has been reticent to support new funding requests without first clarifying the existing needs and cuts to basic direct services to our most vulnerable populations, including our growing population of seniors, homeless families and housing-insecure residents. We've tried to pare down our district asks in an effort to offer more support for citywide requests, and will continue to work with your office and the office of the Vice-Chair as the process continues.

In general, we've discussed the following office priorities to consider in a \$40 million + spending proposal:

- **Housing & Homelessness** - A closer look at the Budget Justice Coalition's proposal for subsidized & supportive housing, rental subsidies, mental health services and workforce development for our homeless population
- **Higher Education** - "Free City College" summer course coverage + reserve funding (Supervisor Peskin was a co-sponsor of the Free City College proposal, and offers support for the request to keep it successful)
- Senior Services, including patch gap funding to keep seniors in their homes in an increasingly outrageous and speculative housing market
- **Public Safety** - As you saw in our initial district list, Supervisor Peskin is championing child abuse prevention services (\$250k in both years) and Pre-Trial Diversion (at \$500k) as a proven public safety tool.

We will continue to monitor the budget proceedings and make ourselves available to answer questions and work through outstanding issues. Thank you for the strong work you've been doing, including reaching out to every office and advocating for transparency throughout this entire process. I have really enjoyed working with you, and I hope it continues!

Best,
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