

## Meet the Office of the Budget Director

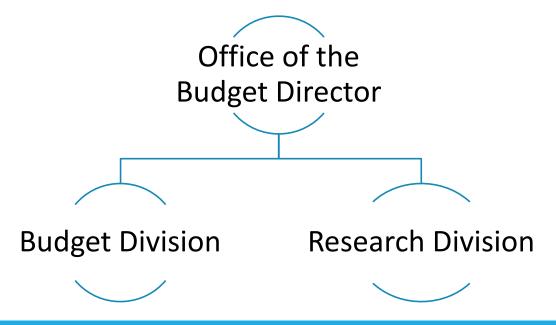
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET DIRECTOR

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## Office of the Budget Director

The Office of the Budget Director provides support to Councilmembers and their staff on matters related to the District's budget, finances, and economy. The Office also offers policy research and economic analysis on topics of interest to individual members or the Council as a whole. The Office's team serves the Council through two divisions: Budget and Research.



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## **Budget Division**

Provides advice and analysis for each Council committee and member's office regarding the District's annual operating and capital budgets and ongoing budget-related issues and initiatives.

Manages the Council's oversight of the District's annual budget and financial plan

Assists Committees with review, analysis, and certification of the budget under their purview

**Budget Functions** 

Consolidates all committee recommendations and prepares the final budget—including all related budget legislation—for review and consideration by the full Council

Balances the four-year financial plan and obtains OCFO certification on the Council's approved budget

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## More on the Budget Division

#### **Other Functions:**

- Prepares Fiscal Impact Statements (FIS) for amendments and emergency & temporary bills
- Conducts budget tracking and oversight
- Responds to budget questions from Council staff, advocates, and members of the public
- Provides resources, dashboards, reports, infographics, etc. on budget-related topics
- Presents on budget-related topics and hosts occasional presentations from other District offices and outside entities
- Reviews proposed or pending legislation for budget-related issues
- Maintains list of measures passed subjectto-funding and issues quarterly reports

### Research Division

The Research Division is dedicated to policy research and economic analysis.



Issues Policy and Economic Impact Statements



Offers authoritative, objective, and timely policy research and analysis to the Council



Provides immediate help for information requests, produces issue briefs on matters of ongoing concern, and releases indepth reports on substantial policy and legislative matters

At least 33 state legislatures have a research office, and several city councils, including New York City, Boston, and San Francisco.

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# More on the Research Division

The Research Division gathers information by conducting literature reviews, consulting with subject matter experts, analyzing data sets, developing data visualization tools, building economic impact forecasts, researching choices made by other jurisdictions, and participating in conferences and other public forums.

The Office has produced in-depth reports:

- Keeping the CRIAC Affordable and Equitable
- Providing a Minimum Income in DC
- Paid Family & Medical Leave

The reports have been recognized by 28 separate media articles and interviews, 11 speaking engagements, and inquiries from 9 different governments, both domestic and international and honored with the 2018 George I. Treyz Award for Excellence in Economic and Demographic Analysis (gold medal).

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## All of the office's budget and research resources can be found at www.dccouncilbudget.com

#### **Budget Formulation and Approval**

• ALL documents from FY19 and FY20 Council budget oversight

#### Budget Guidance

• Budget Toolkit and other handy information

#### Policy and Economic Research

 Policy and Economic Impact Statements and other research issued by the office

#### Interactive Dashboards

 DCPS and other budget information. New dashboards coming soon.

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