

**Coalition of Homeless
and Housing Organizations
(COHHO)**

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED ON FY 2001 BUDGET!

As of Thursday, May 11, funds for programs endorsed by COHHO that will benefit families and individuals who are homeless are either in jeopardy or eliminated.

- Homeless Shelter Services: The Mayor cut funding from \$16.3 to \$13.4 million. The D.C. Council Committee on Human Services recommended an additional \$3 million, but the full Council has cut those funds out.
- Interim Disability Assistance: The D.C. Council on Human Services recommended \$4.3 million to implement assistance for residents waiting for SSI, but the full Council has cut those funds out.
- The Earned Income Tax Credit for working individuals and families needs \$3.9 million for a 10% refundable EITC.

1) Call or fax a letter to the D.C. Council and the Mayor as soon as possible.

Tell them that you want funding for vulnerable residents to be a priority in Fiscal Year 2001 (if you are a COHHO member, be sure to say so). Urge them to fund homeless services at \$16.3 million, Interim Disability Assistance at \$4.3 million, and the Earned Income Tax Credit at \$3.9 million.

2) Come to the D.C. Council vote on the budget on Friday, May 19 to show your support for these programs!

Date: Tuesday, May 16

Where: One Judiciary Square (441 Fourth Street), in the Council Chambers on the first floor

Time: Scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. The Council usually starts late. Call the office of Chairperson Linda Cropp (724-8032) the morning of the 16th to find out when the Council will actually start.

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<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Linda W. Cropp (Chair; At Large)	724-8032	724-8085
Phil Mendelson (At Large)	724-8064	724-8099
Harold Brazil (At Large)	724-8174	724-8156
Carol Schwartz (At Large)	724-8105	724-8071
David Catania (At Large)	724-7772	724-8087
Jim Graham (Ward 1)	724-8181	724-8109
Jack Evans (Ward 2)	724-8058	724-8023
Kathleen Patterson (Ward 3)	724-8062	724-8118
Charlene Drew Jarvis (Ward 4)	724-8052	724-8120
Vincent Orange, Sr. (Ward 5)	724-8028	724-8076
Sharon Ambrose (Ward 6)	724-8072	724-8054
Kevin P. Chavous (Ward 7)	724-8068	724-8097
Sandy Allen (Ward 8)	724-8045	724-8055
<u>Mayor Anthony Williams</u>	727-2980	
<u>Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth and Families Carolyn Graham</u>	727-2809	

2) Come to the D.C. Council vote on the budget on Friday, May 19 (in the Council Chambers on the first floor of One Judiciary Square) to show your support for these programs. The Council session is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. but usually starts late. Call Chairperson Linda Cropp's office at 724-8032 to verify start time.

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