



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

March 30, 2016

Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Pursuant to section 247(b) of the New York City Charter, as amended by Local Law 9 of 2016, the Council is required to submit to the Mayor, and publish, recommendations to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget to be included in the Mayor's Executive Budget no later than March 30, 2016.

As you are aware, the New York State Budget is currently being negotiated in Albany. The State Budget could contain several budget actions not reflected in your Fiscal 2017 Preliminary Budget that could have severe consequences to the City's Executive Budget.

Below are the Council's broad recommendations to the Fiscal 2017 Preliminary Budget. For this budget cycle, the Council's priority is to ensure that the budget reflects cautious and prudent budgeting, while ensuring that the Executive Budget, and ultimately the Adopted Budget, will be presented in a way that reflects the City's values and priorities, and addresses inequality in a fiscally responsible way.

The Council's Budget Response, a document which will provide greater detail about our recommendations, will be released on April 1, 2016.

Fiscal 2017 Preliminary Budget Recommendations

Areas of Interest

- Ensuring Opportunities for Youth;
- Supporting Our City's Immigrants;
- Budgeting for a More Equitable City;
- Safeguarding the City's Programs and Services through Budget Stability;
- Building for Our City's Future;
- Baselineing City Priorities;
- Expanding City Services and Programs;
- Enhancing the Quality of City Services; and
- Tracking the City's Progress.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker



Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Chair, Finance Committee

cc: Jon Paul Lupo, Director, Mayor's Office of Legislative Affairs