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Councilmember Alexander Received Furlough Notice Along with Other District Government Employees

Upon receiving the official furlough notice on Friday, February 4, that announced the four holidays on which District of Columbia government employees will not receive pay, Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander voluntarily waived her compensation for the days set forth in The Balanced Budget Holiday Furlough Emergency Act of 2011 that was unanimously approved by the D.C. Council on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

“I believe that we all must make a sacrifice and share the responsibility to ensure that our city is in a better financial standing,” said Councilmember Alexander.

Annual compensation for D.C. Council members is mandated by section 403 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act and section 1109 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978.

The Balanced Budget Furlough Emergency Act of 2011 implements the city’s Budget Request Act that was introduced last year when Mayor Gray was Chairman of the Council. It authorizes the government to furlough full and part time employees for 4 legal public holidays. Those holidays include President’s Day on Monday, February 21; D.C. Emancipation Day on Friday, April 15; Memorial Day on Monday, May 30 and Independence Day on Monday, July 4.

Several groups are exempted from the furloughs including, uniformed members of the Metropolitan Police Department, emergency medical services personnel of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and employees in agencies with positions subject to a court order that specifically excludes such positions from furloughs.

For more information on the proposed ruling amending the furlough provisions of Chapter 24 of the D.C. personnel regulations, Reduction In Force, visit the D.C. Department of Human Resources’ website at www.dchr.dc.gov; under the heading “DCHR News.”

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