



Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Marc El Hassan, Chair
Mike McCollum, Vice Chair
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RESOLUTION 2011-8

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SPENDING OF ANY CITY REVENUES ON SUPPORT OF THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER AS CREATED BY THE MAYOR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-7 AND RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SUCH EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission has the authority and responsibility to gather information on the soundness of the City's current and long-term financial status, operations and practices; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Commission to provide important information on and raise public awareness of public finance issues by researching issues and reporting its findings to the Mayor and City Council, encouraging in-depth media coverage of these issues and by meeting with community, neighborhood, and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Alvin Brown proposed in his FY11-12 budget the creation of a new City Office of Education Commissioner as part of the Recreation and Community Services Department with over \$60,000 in funding for two support personnel to assist the Education Commissioner who would be paid a token salary of \$1 per year; and

WHEREAS, when the Finance Committee deleted the Office of Education Commissioner from the budget at a recent budget hearing, the Mayor immediately created the office by means of Executive Order 2011-7; and

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission opposes the spending of any City revenues, either directly or indirectly, on support of the office through the use of City personnel or resources to further the operations of the Education Commissioner; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TRUE Commission hereby recommends that the City Council amend the pending budget ordinance (Ordinance 2011-405) before passage to include language specifically prohibiting the use of any City revenues to provide either direct or indirect support for the Office of Education Commissioner.

Adopted by an 11-0 vote of the Commission this 1st day of September, 2011.

Marc Majed El Hassan
Chairman