



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

January 25, 2017

Dear Residents of the District of Columbia,

I am pleased to present the District of Columbia's (District's) Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). For the twentieth consecutive year, the audit opinion is unqualified (unmodified), and for the second year in a row the auditor found no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. The District's finances continue to be amongst the strongest of any jurisdiction in the nation, and this has allowed us in Fiscal Year 2017 to continue creating pathways to the middle class by increasing funding to public education, homeless services, affordable housing, and public safety. We have made these strategic investments while continuing to ensure the city's long-term financial stability and viability.

The District also continues to make significant investments in our neighborhoods and in development projects that enhance the overall quality of life of our residents and those that do business within our borders. Our population continues to grow at a record pace because of the public and private investments that are being made across the city. Washington, DC continues to be a great place to live and work. My administration works every day to ensure that our growing prosperity provides opportunities to succeed for all residents in all neighborhoods.

With your support, we will continue working to lift communities in every ward to build a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor