



MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

January 25, 2018

Dear Residents of the District of Columbia:

I am pleased to present the District of Columbia's (District's) Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). For the twenty-first consecutive year, the audit opinion is unqualified (unmodified). For the third year in a row, the auditor found no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, which demonstrates our continued financial discipline and sound financial management practices. The District's finances continue to be among 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 remains a great place to live, work, and visit, and 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 all eight wards 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