

To: House Appropriations
From: House Government Operations
Re: Proposed FY19 Budget
Date: February 15, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed FY2019 budget. Following are our suggestions. Please let us know if you have any questions or wish further information. Maida, on behalf of the Committee.

Page 4. Sec.B.1101(a)

HGO supports the proposed \$400,000 appropriated to the Secretary of State for the purpose of administering primary and general election efforts. This amount is in fact less than that appropriated last year. (We heard from Jim Condos on this matter.)

Page 4. Sec.B.1101(c)

HGO supports the sum of \$1,423,516 appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for the funding of changes in employee classification. This is an inexact sum; rather, it is a "best guess" to be used if necessary. Last year, the sum similarly identified implemented the reclassification of two large groups of employees: social workers and IT personnel. (We heard from Adam Greshin and Matt Riven.)

Page 5. Sec.C100.3

HGO supports the carrying forward of \$1,300,000 remaining from the \$1,900,000 allotted to DCF in the 2017 Acts and Resolves so as to cover two years instead of only one year. (We heard from Adam Greshin and Matt Riven.)

Page 7. Sec.D.101(b)(3)

HGO supports the amount of \$2,607,923 being transferred to the General Fund. This sum was generated in the most part from corporation fees. This sum represents an amount taken in and not to be used. The office does not spend the money just because they have it. (We heard from Jim Condos.)

Page 9. Sec.E.100(a)(1)

HGO recommends that these two positions proposed for AOE for the purpose of implementing and administering Pre-K initiatives be limited service positions for a period of three years. These positions, even as limited service positions, should not be funded from the Education Fund. (We heard from Emily Byrne.)

Page 9. Sec.E.100(a)(2)(A) and Sec.E.100.1(b)(2)

HGO supports the proposal to convert two DPS classified positions and one exempt position for grant management and public assistance, previously limited service positions, to permanent status. This recommendation comes on a vote of 5-4-2 in HGO. (We heard from Erica Bornemann and Chris Herrick.)

Page 18. Sec.E.316.1

HGO supports adding the DCF Commissioner's Office contracted registry reviewers to the list of individuals for whom the State will defend lawsuits arising out of their employment. (We heard from Ken Schatz.)