

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS  
FY 2009-10 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

**1:30-2:10      INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS**

**2:10-2:35      QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS**

1. What are your department's three top goals for the current year? How will they be achieved?
2. How do your requested decision items tie to your goals?
3. Could your department shift to a four day work week that begins on Wednesday and ends on Saturday? If not, why not? If only a portion of the department can go to a four day week, what portion can and what portion cannot and why?
4. Has your department been able to fill new or vacant positions? Can your department quantify the benefits it has seen as a result of adding additional FTE or filling vacant positions?
5. What is the status of your department's implementation of S.B.08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT? Is your department experiencing any difficulties?

**2:35-2:55      FEDERAL RESPONSE TO THE EFFECTS OF HIGH FORECLOSURE**

6. Can the moneys received through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program be matched with private funding or must they only be applied to public entities?
7. Please explain the Neighborhood Stabilization Program rules and requirements as they relate to how the moneys earned on a property in the program can be reinvested?
8. Please provide an update regarding foreclosures in Colorado (e.g., trends, comparison to the country/other states, etc.).
9. Please provide an update as to the effectiveness of the Foreclosure Hotline (e.g., the number of clients served, the number of foreclosures mitigated or avoided).
10. Will the City and County of Denver be eligible for any of the \$34 million in State Program moneys, in addition to their Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant award of \$6.1 million?

**2:55-3:10      DECISION ITEM #1 (PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM)**

11. Will these resources specific to smaller municipalities? Do larger districts already have these plans in place? Why do we need a separate plan for each community? Is it feasible to develop a boilerplate pre-disaster mitigation plan to use as a template for use for other local governments?
12. How is the federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program funding determined? The decision item indicates that funding is based on a competitive process? How does the federal government weigh pre-disaster risks in one state compared to another on a competitive process?

**3:10-3:30      OTHER QUESTIONS**

13. Is the data used in the November 18, 2008 JBC Staff Briefing to the JBC, based on Legislative Council Staff September 2008 Economic and Revenue Forecast, still relevant? Please provide a status update on Severance and FML revenues and include an overview of the trend these two funding sources are exhibiting.
14. Please provide an explanation as to why the Waste Tire Recycling Fund will have a fund balance of \$104,000? Why is there a fund balance? Do the fees need adjusted?
15. Please provide a status update related to Long Bill Footnote 47a which indicates that it is the intent of the General Assembly that \$1.5 million from the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund shall be considered for the development of community college-level criteria curricula on alternative, renewable, and existing energies. Has the community college system taken steps to apply for this funding? Once the application is received, what is the process from that point forward? If the moneys are awarded, when will the funds become available?