

Audit and Finance Committee

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Operational Questions

How will these staff positions facilitate City Council policy work?

If Council doesn't add these positions now, could City Council lose momentum, and on which issues?

What would these staff members do?

How would the proposed staff interact with the existing staff assigned to coordinate and support committee work?

If the positions aren't added, would the committees be able to function as anticipated?

Are these staff members necessary?

Structural Questions

Would the expansion of Mayoral staff run contrary to the balance of power outlined in the City Charter and 10-1 provisions?

What are options for adding staff to a department other than the Mayor's office?

Financial Questions

What are the financial options for funding additional positions?

Have the staff identified vacant, funded positions that could be transferred? If so, what are they? What could be the impact of eliminating the original positions?

How would the \$25,000 per Council office benefit the work of Council Members?

What is the impact of using \$250,000 for Council Member offices rather than the original purposes specified for that money or for other municipal purposes?

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