



**ADRIAN M. FENTY**  
MAYOR

April 1, 2008

Dear Citizens of the District of Columbia:

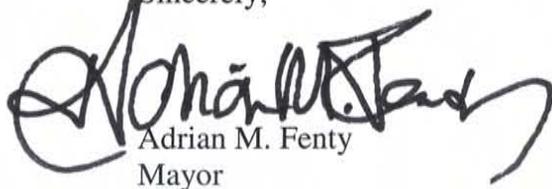
I am pleased to present the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The audit opinion is unqualified for the eleventh consecutive year. We completed Fiscal Year 2007 with a General Fund balance of \$1.5 billion.

The District continues to be an attractive place to live and to work with growing investment in residential and commercial projects throughout the city. The District's overall credit worthiness is supported by strong ratings from the major rating agencies, "A+" by Standard and Poor's, "A+" by Fitch Ratings and "A1" by Moody's Investors Services. Through hard work and fiscal discipline, the District of Columbia has earned another budget surplus, and enjoys the respect of Wall Street and the rest of the nation. The District's fiscal strength enables us to invest more resources in residents' policy priorities.

Although the District Government has made tremendous progress over the past decade, we know that major work remains yet to be done. In particular, the management letter that accompanies this audit outlines areas in need of reform. My administration is committed to remedying the issues identified, to strengthen the District's financial position and its ability to deliver on our basic promise to citizens.

I continue to be proud to be your Mayor, and I pledge to continue working with you to make the District of Columbia a world-class city.

Sincerely,



Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor