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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Council Member Mary Waters  
**From:** John Naglick, Chief Deputy CFO/Finance Director/Controller  
Tanya Stoudemire, Interim CFO/Interim Budget Director  
**Date:** April 4, 2025  
**Re:** **Responses to Non-Departmental/Capital Budget/Debt Service/Pensions Budget Questions**

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Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 26, 2025, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for Non-Departmental/Capital Budget/Debt Service/Pensions.

- 1. How confident are we in the \$17 million in solid waste fund contribution being the actual total? Has this been reviewed in light of the shortfalls experienced in FY 25?**

We are confident in the contribution covering the actual costs of recurring and one-time operations within FY26. Solid Waste Fund's historical performance (FY25 and further) has been considered in this contribution projection.

- 2. Do the marijuana taxes represent the whole of taxes estimated to be collected? If so, why are these considered Non-Departmental when we do have some of this money statutorily allocated to small business assistance in CRIO? Shouldn't it be under CRIOs budget?**

Yes. Marijuana Taxes are considered as Non-Dept primarily because it is State-sourced revenue that is not dedicated to a single department. For example, the marijuana taxes help to support small business assistance in CRIO, as well as youth substance-use prevention programs in Health.