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PICA REMINDS CITY OF NEED TO SUBMIT ARBITRATION AWARD IMPACT REPORT

In a letter to City Finance Director Rob Dubow, PICA Board Chair Jim Eisenhower cited Section 5.07 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement which requires the City to submit a written report as to the effect of the arbitration award on the approved Five-Year Plan within 15 days after receipt of the award.

“This request is not an indication of a positive or negative sentiment regarding the award,” noted Eisenhower, “but is simply the legal requirement under the relationship between PICA and the City. The City needs to inform PICA of the fiscal impact of the award on the approved Five-Year Plan.”

Eisenhower continued “the award is important in that it attempts to deal with long term fiscal structural problems like health benefit and pension costs, concerns which have been highlighted by PICA for the last decade. The award also has significant short-term costs which need to be accurately assessed.”

Since the FOP arbitration award was released on December 19, the City will be required to submit the necessary information to PICA by January 4, 2010. “This report does not need to indicate how the City might cover additional costs resulting from the award, but simply identify those additional costs,” said Eisenhower.

The letter went on to note that in accordance with Section 5.08 (e) of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, once all opportunities for appeal pass and the arbitration award is final the City is required to submit any necessary Five-Year Plan revision to PICA within 20 days.

For additional information please contact PICA Staff at 215-561-9160.

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