**TO:**       New Employees

**FROM:**     Teresa M. Scott
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**SUBJECT:**  Tax Sheltered Annuities

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Consistent with Federal and State Laws, the District has, by policy and administrative regulation, provided means by which members of the staff may purchase tax sheltered annuities (TSAs). Upon proper notification and authorization by the employee and the company with whom the employee has purchased a TSA, the District will reduce the employee's salary according to those instructions and make the authorized monthly deductions directly to the company involved.

The purchase of a TSA and the selection of an agent or company from whom a TSA is purchased are private decisions to be made by the employee. The District cannot and will not be involved in those decisions. The District cannot recommend the purchase of an annuity to an employee, cannot make judgments as to whether such a program would be advantageous to an employee, and cannot recommend companies or agents with whom the employee should do business. Employees should satisfy themselves that they are dealing with a reputable agent and company and that any program selected is sound and right in terms of their own financial situation.

Employees should be aware that there are many different types of TSA programs (there are a great many companies and agents in the business of selling TSAs) and that any such program may have a number of ramifications relating to one's take-home income, Federal and State tax status, and retirement program. The District simply cautions each employee, prior to the purchase of a TSA, to consider his or her own personal financial situation and urges each employee to consult financial, tax, and legal advisors when making their decision.

If you do decide that you want the District to make monthly TSA deductions on your behalf, call the District Payroll Office, (209) 575-6538, for instructions on how to proceed.

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