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Office of the District of Columbia Auditor Releases Audit of the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission

Today, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) released its audit of the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission (Commission).

The Commission promotes the District of Columbia as a location for boxing, wrestling and martial arts events, and regulates boxing and wrestling.

Each promoter or presenter of a boxing or wrestling event is required to provide the Commission with a report of gross receipts within 24 hours after an event. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, Boxing and Wrestling Commission revenue totaled \$63,024. Commission revenue totaled \$94,325 in FY 2010 and \$83,858 in FY 2011.

Our audit found that significant improvements are needed in the management of the operations of the Commission. We are particularly concerned that the Commission's mismanagement of certain events resulted in \$24,645.04 of loss revenue for the District. Specifically:

- The Commission did not assess \$3,189.61 in fines for promoters that failed to file gate reports within the required time period;
- \$2,176.85 was not collected from promoters for tickets given to sponsors and the military;
- \$14,336 in fees on gross receipts before sales tax was not collected; and
- \$4,942.58 was not collected because the Commission used the incorrect sales tax rate.

In addition, some reported expenditures for the Commission were inaccurate, unreliable, and in some cases, were unrelated to functions of the Commission. By failing to maintain complete and accurate files that contained required financial statements and certificates of insurance, the Commission exposed the District to possible legal, medical and financial risk.

To correct the deficiencies observed during our audit, the Auditor provided 16 recommendations. These included recommendations that urged the Commission to establish and implement policies and procedures to ensure that files are completed, accurate and received within the time period allowed, all necessary documentation is received, records are consistent with the District's policy, fee amounts are accurate and received in the time allowed, and that all funds are protected.

“We are pleased that the Commission agreed with the majority of our recommendations,” said Yolanda Branche, District of Columbia Auditor. “By implementing these recommendations, we look forward to substantial improvement in the operations of the Boxing and Wrestling Commission.”

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