

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council
DIVISION: Legislative

PROGRAM: Legislative Services
FUND: General Fund

	Actual 2014-15	Adopted 2015-16	Year-End Estimated 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17	Proposed 2017-18
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES/REVENUES</u>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$139,706	\$153,720	\$148,310	\$153,950	\$155,220
Services & Supplies	29,914	33,780	26,740	34,710	34,710
Total Operating Cost	169,620	187,500	175,050	188,660	189,930
Capital					
Debt Service					
Transfers					
Total Cost	\$169,620	\$187,500	\$175,050	\$188,660	\$189,930
<u>SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS</u>					
Legislative	\$169,620	\$187,500	\$175,050	\$188,660	\$189,930
Total Service Programs	\$169,620	\$187,500	\$175,050	\$188,660	\$189,930
<u>SUMMARY OF POSITIONS</u>					
Council members	4	4	4	4	4
Mayor	1	1	1	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	5	5	5	5	5

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Serving as the legislative and policy-making body of the City of Santa Maria, the Mayor and City Council ratify laws and make policy decisions that provide for the general welfare of the community. The City Council is comprised of five members, one (1) Mayor and four (4) Councilmembers. The Mayor and the four members of the City Council are all elected for 4-year terms by the citizens of the City. The Mayor officiates at Council meetings and serves as the executive and ceremonial head of our City government.

SUBPROGRAMS AND THEIR OBJECTIVES

Through the adoption of the biennial budget, determines the appropriate service levels and revenue obligations; authorizes contracts and expenditures; establishes municipal service goals and operating policies; and adopts such regulatory measures as necessary to establish community protection.

Responsible to the electorate for keeping pace with changing community needs by providing appropriate programs, services and activities that sustain and enhance the quality of life in the community, while staying within established revenues and other fiscal constraints.

Through motions, resolutions and ordinances, the City Council establishes and formulates City policies and programs that impact its residents and businesses.

Promotes confidence in local government through conducting public affairs in an open session; encouraging constructive public participation, cooperation, and communication among the City, residents and businesses; represents the City at various community events and activities.

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Represents the City on various intergovernmental boards and committees to achieve regional governmental cooperation, legislation and programs that benefit Santa Maria's residents and businesses.

Maintains a working knowledge of State and Federal issues that affect the City by attending government-related conferences and other activities of the League of California Cities.

NOTEWORTHY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- In November 2016, the City will hold its General Municipal Election. Three seats on the City Council will be up for election. Voters will elect a Mayor, two Councilmembers, a City Treasurer, and a City Clerk.
- The City Council continues to appoint five members to a Citizens' Oversight Committee, commissioned to oversee the expenditures of the Measure U2012 proceeds. Measure U2012 (the quarter-cent transaction and use tax), received voter passage in June 2012. The Oversight Committee's duties consist of reviewing the annual independent financial audit (performed by an independent auditor on the Measure U2012-generated revenue and expense during the previous fiscal year) as well as review any other City financial reports necessary to advise the City Council of its findings. The Oversight Committee's findings are presented annually, in a written report, to the City Council during the first quarter of the calendar year which will be based on the previous fiscal year ending June 30th.
- In anticipation of compiling this Biennial Budget, the City Council engaged in a Goal-Setting Workshop on March 10, 2016 in an effort to develop a list of overall citywide priorities and/or goals to be addressed in 2016-18. Through this process, the following items were deemed "essential priorities" during the next two-year period by the City Council:
 - Reduce gang violence
 - Increase availability of water supplies
 - Retrofit the old library into new City offices
 - Continue economic development and attracting higher paying jobs

In addition to the previously mentioned four priorities, a majority of the City Council also agreed that the following three items were also important for staff to address during the next two-year period:

- Address inadequate City facilities, specifically look into the feasibility of a sports (soccer) complex
- Reduce the impact of H2A housing on City infrastructure and the community, and engage the local farmers and the County of Santa Barbara in these discussions
- Promote and pursue bringing a 4-Year University Degree Program to Santa Maria

Staff used the aforementioned priorities when compiling this 2016-18 Budget Document. Linking the above priorities to departmental goals can be found in the *Introductory Section* on pages xx and xxi.

2016-18 BUDGET

CITY OF SANTA MARIA



The City Council's approval of the Downtown Specific Plan in late 2015 led to the ribbon-cutting celebrating the new Downtown Friday Night events.



The five-member City Council welcomes orderly participation at its meetings from all members of the public.