

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council
DIVISION: Legislative

PROGRAM: Legislative Services
FUND: General Fund

	Actual 2016-17	Adopted 2017-18	Year-End Estimated 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	Proposed 2019-20
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES/REVENUES</u>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$146,200	\$154,856	\$155,433	\$158,480	\$161,300
Services & Supplies	30,660	34,357	32,693	54,068	54,359
Total Operating Cost	176,860	189,213	188,126	212,548	215,659
Capital					
Debt Service					
Transfers					
Total Cost	\$176,860	\$189,213	\$188,126	\$212,548	\$215,659
<u>SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS</u>					
Legislative	\$176,860	\$189,213	\$188,126	\$212,548	\$215,659
Total Service Programs	\$176,860	\$189,213	\$188,126	\$212,548	\$215,659
<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

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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 residents of the City. Beginning with the November 2018 election, the City transitions from at-large elections to district elections for the four City Councilmembers. Voters may elect City Councilmembers only from those candidates who live in their district. The Mayor will continue to be elected at-large by all voters. The Mayor officiates at Council meetings and serves as the executive and ceremonial head of our City government. The City Council decided to continue its practice of governing with a City-wide perspective and adopted a Resolution for Governance describing how the City Council will continue to serve all the people of the City of Santa Maria.

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.

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

- The City Council in March 2018 adopted a resolution regarding its intention to continue its practice of governing with a City-wide perspective following the shift to elections of Councilmembers by Council districts. All members of the City Council will continue to serve all of the people of Santa Maria, because the Council wishes to remain united in its service to the community. If the City Council has conflicting issues between districts, Councilmembers need to discuss them, as is currently done, and conclude with a unified statement.