

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council
DIVISION: Legislative

PROGRAM: Legislative Services
FUND: General Fund

	Actual 2008-09	Adopted 2009-10	Year-End Estimated 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES/REVENUES</u>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 128,170	\$ 128,520	\$ 123,220	\$ 122,190	\$ 123,460
Services & Supplies	36,880	42,370	30,790	33,170	33,350
Total Operating Cost	165,050	170,890	154,010	155,360	156,810
Capital					
Debt Service					
Transfers					
Total Cost	\$ 165,050	\$ 170,890	\$ 154,010	\$ 155,360	\$ 156,810

SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS

Legislative	\$ 165,050	\$ 170,890	\$ 154,010	\$ 155,360	\$ 156,810
Total Service Programs	\$ 165,050	\$ 170,890	\$ 154,010	\$ 155,360	\$ 156,810

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Councilmembers	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) Council Members. The Mayor and the four members of the City Council are all elected for 4-year terms by the citizens of the City of Santa Maria. 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 reflect the needs of its residents.

Promotes confidence in local government through open conduct of public affairs; encouraging constructive public participation; cooperation; and communication between the City and its residents by representing the City in community activities.

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Represents the City on various intergovernmental boards and committees to achieve governmental cooperation, legislation and programs that are consistent with the needs of Santa Maria's residents.

Maintains a working knowledge of State and Federal issues that affect the City by attending conferences and other activities of the League of California Cities and other recognized professional organizations.

MAJOR BUDGET CHANGES

- The overall reduction in appropriations in the Mayor's and City Council's budget is a direct result of the need to reduce operating expenses in each program budget. The overall reduction is a part of the City-wide reduction in operating expenses needed to help balance the General Fund budget.
- The decrease in overall appropriations (approximately \$15,500) is primarily due to a redistribution of the costs associated with the City-wide audit and reductions to the travel and business expense line item account.
- In November 2010, the City will hold its General Municipal Election. Two seats on the City Council will be up for election.