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Budget Message

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Honorable Mayor and City Council
Sacramento, California

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I respectfully submit to you the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Approved Budget for the City of Sacramento. The total budget for FY2015/16 is \$951.6 million, including \$394.1 million for General Fund operations, \$464.6 million for Enterprise and other fund operations, and \$92.9 million for capital improvement projects.

The Approved Budget includes the allocation of resources to address Council's priority initiatives and investment in key areas that will provide or enhance services and programs for the residents of Sacramento. The following highlight some of the significant programs and services included in the budget (complete details are included in the Overview section of the budget):

Public Safety

- 15 Police Officers and 3 civilian positions to staff the public counter at the William J. Kinney Police Station
- \$10 million to replace functionally obsolete fire stations (Station 14 in the Central City and Station 15 in South Natomas)
- \$1.6 million for a fire truck company and additional funding for two dual-role medic units
- \$1.2 million for safety equipment, a "Standards of Cover" report that will be used in the development of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Master Plan, and staffing in the Office of the Chief
- \$1 million to establish a pipeline hiring plan to recruit a more diverse police force
- \$1 million to establish a Gang Prevention Task Force
- Pilot program for body cameras for police officers

Economic Development

- \$2.1 million to create a Central City Strategic Plan to address future growth and housing in the city core
- Staffing to respond to increased planning, building permit, inspection and project management needs related to growth of development in the city

Quality of Life

- \$4 million for significant repairs and improvements throughout the City's park system and a citywide park assessment
- \$1.7 million for ongoing park maintenance
- \$1.5 million for delivery and stabilization of ongoing recreation programs
- \$1.1 million for the Homeless Housing Initiative

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- Two crews to address the citywide illegal dumping problem
 - Staffing to address increased workload in the City's Animal Shelter
 - \$650,000 for enhanced street lighting in the Central City
 - \$341,000 for the Garcia Bend Park bike trail extension (planning and design)
 - \$340,000 to support the 4th R program for one additional year
 - \$51,000 for a low-income rate assistance program to offset the Solid Waste rate increase

Good Governance

- Implements priorities within the City's Digital Strategy to deliver streamlined, effective, secure, and easily accessible innovative technology services
- Funding to modernize the 311 Call Center software improving automation, and increasing efficiency and accuracy of information
- Implements the OpenGov platform to improve financial transparency

A substantial part of the funding for these initiatives was made possible with Measure U funds for which we continue to be thankful to the citizens of Sacramento for approving. A detailed summary of Measure U expenditures is included in the Overview Section of the Approved Budget. We must continue to be mindful that Measure U resources are temporary, expiring in March 2019.

While revenues have improved, the City remains challenged to achieve long-term budget sustainability as expenditures continue to outpace revenue growth in future fiscal years. As I said last year, while optimism is contagious, it is essential that we be realistic in consideration of the challenges ahead. We must continue to carefully prioritize spending going forward to meet the critical needs while identifying strategies to align spending with revenues over the long-term. I am committed to working with the Mayor and City Council on Sacramento 3.0. I believe that together, we can address these challenges and move forward successfully making Sacramento a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Finally, I would like to thank the Council and all of those responsible for the successful adoption of this year's budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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