

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

April/May 2009

Highlights of Major Reports Issued:

“Fiscal Year 2010 Final Budget Report and Recommendations”

[Report No. 09-45](#) (5/29/09) (PDF: 911K)

This final report builds upon our earlier review and analysis, and presents final recommended changes to the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for City Council consideration. Our recommendations take into account the budget ideas proposed by the City Council; the results of the Mayor’s May Revise; input received from the public during the hearings; additional IBA research and analysis; and further discussions with City operational staff. Our final report is presented in three sections:

- Part 1 IBA Recommended Revisions to the Proposed Budget**
- Part 2 IBA Review of the Mayor’s May Revise**
- Part 3 Council Request of Mayor to Continue to Pursue Fiscal Reforms During FY 2010**

The IBA has proposed very few revisions to the FY 2010 Proposed Budget. No service or program reductions were proposed by the Mayor for FY 2010; and we do not recommend consideration of any program expansions or position additions except for the few included in the Mayor’s May Revise and the four additional positions for the City Auditor’s Office as recommended by the Audit Committee. The economy remains depressed and uncertain; the outlook for the City’s General Fund continues to be bleak; and the State’s serious budget problems could mean even greater challenges for the City should the State try to borrow City revenues to balance their budget.

A wide range of potential areas for achieving cost savings, new resources and/or efficiencies were identified by the Council during the FY 2010 budget process. Many of these require additional time for study or implementation as well as discussion at various Council Committees. To address the FY 2011 deficit and ultimately achieve fiscal health and stability for our City, the continuous pursuit of fiscal reform is necessary. The IBA recommends that the City Council request that the Mayor work with them to accomplish the areas of fiscal reform outlined in this report.

“IBA Review of the FY 2010 Proposed Budget”

[Report No. 09-37](#) (4/28/09) (PDF: 7Mb)

This report, issued within two weeks of the Mayor’s release of the FY 2010 Proposed Budget, contains the IBA’s budget review of General Fund revenues and expenditures,

priority budget areas, and City departments, and also contains twenty-seven recommendations in various budget areas.

The IBA generally supports the overall approach the Mayor has taken to balance the budget for FY 2010. We believe it is a sound one-year budget proposal which continues the City's goals toward financial reforms; applies a balanced and fair approach; considers community and Council input and priorities; and utilizes some new resources, previously not considered, to avoid further service cuts. However, we remain concerned, as we noted in our preliminary budget report a year ago, that there is no clear path to the City's financial health over the long term. In summary, this report describes:

- Service cuts utilized to balance the FY 2010 Budget
- The use of one-time resources
- User fees that were updated to recover costs
- Employee concessions

Other Reports Issued:

[Report No. 09-46](#) (5/29/09) (PDF: 65K)

Master Lease Agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corporation

[Report No. 09-44](#) (5/21/09) (PDF: 75K)

Storm Water Department Fiscal Year 2009 Spending Plan

[Report No. 09-43](#) (5/21/09) (PDF: 117K)

Response to Grand Jury Report "Time for Repeal of the People's Ordinance"

[Report No. 09-42](#) (5/19/09) (PDF: 109K)

Proposed Agreement with Macias Gini & O'Connell to provide Outside Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2013

[Report No. 09-41](#) (5/14/09) (PDF: 84K)

[Attachment](#) (5/14/09) (PDF: 225K)

Further Discussion of FY 2010 Council Budget Ideas

[Report No. 09-40](#) (5/07/09) (PDF: 76K)

[Attachment](#) (5/07/09) (PDF: 74K)

Summary of City Council FY 2010 Budget Ideas

[Report No. 09-39](#) (5/07/09) (PDF: 133K)

Review of Fiscal Year 2009 Year-End Budget Monitoring Report

[Report No. 09-38](#) (5/04/09) (PDF: 42K)

Proposed City/County Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Mutual Assistance of Legal Services

Other Reports Issued (continued):

[Report No. 09-36](#) (4/20/09) (PDF: 105K)

[Attachment A](#) (4/20/09) (PDF: 221K)

SDHC Contracts for Temporary Employment Agency Services

[Report No. 09-35](#) (4/17/09) (PDF: 139K)

General Fund Proposed User Fee Revisions

[Report No. 09-34](#) (4/16/09) (PDF: 99K)

[Attachment A](#) (3/25/09) (PDF: 333K)

IBA Review of Proposed Changes to SEDC and CCDC Operating Agreements

[Report No. 09-33](#) (4/14/09) (PDF: 490K)

Proposed Water Allocation Methodology

[Report No. 09-32](#) (4/9/09) (PDF: 89K)

[Attachment A](#) (5/16/01) (PDF: 529K)

Sale of City Owned Property to the San Diego Redevelopment Agency

[Report No. 09-31](#) (4/9/09) (PDF: 72K)

First Amendment to the Master Lease Agreement with IBM Credit LLC

[Report No. 09-30](#) (4/9/09) (PDF: 255K)

[Attachment A](#) (2/25/05) (PDF: 249K)

[Attachment B](#) (2/27/01) (PDF: 266K)

Safety Sales Tax (Proposition 172)

[Report No. 09-29](#) (4/8/09) (PDF: 63K)

[Attachment 1](#) (4/30/09rev) (PDF: 28K)

[Attachment 2](#) (4/9/09) (PDF: 54K)

Update to Proposed Legislative Hearing Process for FY 2010 Budget

[Report No. 09-28](#) (4/8/09) (PDF: 83K)

[Attachment A](#) (4/8/09) (PDF: 674K)

[Attachment B](#) (4/8/09) (PDF: 820K)

Process for Appointment of an Independent City Auditor

[Report No. 09-27](#) (4/2/09) (PDF: 66K)

[Attachment 1](#) (3/25/09) (PDF: 649K)

[Attachment 2](#) (3/25/09) (PDF: 148K)

Proposed Changes to SEDC and CCDC Operating Agreements as of March 25, 2009
Rules Committee Meeting

Upcoming IBA and Budget-Related Activities:

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| Monday, June 8 | Full Council Decisions on Final Budget Modifications |
| Tuesday, June 9 | Mayor's Veto Period Begins |
| Tuesday, June 16 | Mayor's Veto Period Ends |
| Wednesday, July 8 | Budget and Finance Committee: Review of Appropriation Ordinance |
| Monday, July 20 | First Public Hearing of Appropriation Ordinance |
| Monday, July 27 | Second Public Hearing; Introduction and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance |