

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

June 2009

**Highlights of Major Reports Issued:**

**“San Diego New Main Library - Letter of Intent with SDUSD”**

[Report No. 09-58](#) (6/23/09) (PDF: 299K)

[Attachment](#) (6/23/09) (PDF: 260K)

On June 24, 2009, the Rules Committee recommended to Council entering into a letter of intent between the City and the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) to lease two floors of the proposed main library. This letter of intent aims to solidify the City’s plans for the main library and to provide justification to the State to extend the period of authorization for a \$20 million grant that is a critical component of the library financing plan.

The IBA reviewed the information in the State application and other reports, and relied on past data as a baseline for comparison. Clearly the City’s financial situation has changed over this period of time, and an economic downturn continues; it is to be expected that these and other plans would need to be revised to reflect current realities. However, it is important to note instances where major shifts have occurred since previous approvals have been obtained. This report discussed the key elements of the proposed letter of intent with the San Diego Unified School District for the lease of the sixth and seventh floors of the New Main Library project. In addition, information related to future costs has been provided, including a comparison of operating costs for main libraries in other cities.

**“Civic Center Complex**

[Report No. 09-48](#) (6/5/09)(PDF: 220K)

[Attachment](#) (6/5/09) (PDF: 194K)

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009 the Rules Committee held a second hearing on the Civic Center Complex and possible occupancy alternatives for City staff located in the Downtown area. The purpose of the report was to provide background on the City’s efforts related to the Civic Center redevelopment; review the information on non-redevelopment options provided by the consultants hired by CCDC; and provide additional information to augment what has already been provided to the City Council. Additionally, we reviewed the redevelopment proposal presented by Gerding Edlen (GED).

Over the last twenty years the City has continued to make short term decisions concerning the future of the Civic Center Plaza without a long-term plan. In that time period multiple studies have been done that have presented similar conclusions to the ones facing the City Council today. It is clear that the facilities encompassing the Civic Center Plaza are at the end of their useful life. The inaction of previous administrations in regard to deferred maintenance has resulted in health and safety risks to employees and citizens that must be addressed now. Due to this, the IBA recommends that the Rules Committee, followed by the City Council, begin discussions with the City’s negotiating team on parameters to be included in a successful ENA.

## **“Budget Review Committee's Recommended Final Modifications to the FY 2010 Budget”**

[Report No. 09-47](#) (6/4/09) (PDF: 91K)

[Attachment](#) (6/3/09) (PDF: 103K)

On June 3, 2009, the Independent Budget Analyst presented IBA Report No. 09-45, “Fiscal Year 2010 Final Budget Report and Recommendations” to the Budget Review Committee. After hearing the results of the Mayor’s May Revise and carefully considering the IBA’s recommendations, the Committee unanimously approved forwarding to Council the Mayor’s FY 2010 Proposed Budget, the Mayor’s May Revision to the Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed Budget, the IBA Proposed Revisions to the FY 2010 Proposed Budget and Part 3 of IBA Report No. 09-45, “Council Request of Mayor to Continue to Pursue Fiscal Reforms During FY 2010,” to Council.

The motion also included two Council amendments; the addition of items 16-22 to the list of FY 2010 fiscal reforms (presented as Attachment A to the report) and a request to the Mayor to identify FY 2010 funding and resources to ensure the success of the Citizens Revenue Review and Economic Competitiveness Commission.

### **Other Reports Issued:**

[Report No. 09-57](#) (6/22/09) (PDF: 294K)

[Attachment](#) (6/22/09) (PDF: 99K)

Mission Bay and Regional Park Improvement Fund Projects

[Report No. 09-56](#) (6/19/09) (PDF: 77K)

Tax Allocation Bond Issue for the North Park Redevelopment Project Area

[Report No. 09-55](#) (6/19/09) (PDF: 105K)

Third Amendment to Storm Water Agreement with Weston Solutions, Inc.

[Report No. 09-54](#) (6/18/09) (PDF: 321K)

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

[Report No. 09-53](#) (6/19/09) (PDF: 146K)

Approval of FY 2010 Budget for San Diego Data Processing Corporation

[Report No. 09-51](#) (6/11/09) (PDF: 112K)

Review of San Diego Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

[Report No. 09-50](#) (6/5/09) (PDF: 73K)

FY 2010 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

[Report No. 09-49](#) (6/5/09) (PDF: 98K)

Redevelopment Agency (RDA) FY 2010 Budget Adoption

**Upcoming IBA and Budget-Related Activities:**

Monday, July 20      First Public Hearing of Appropriation Ordinance

Monday, July 27      Second Public Hearing: Introduction and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance