

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST

SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

December 2008/January 2009

**Highlights of Major Reports Issued:**

**“Update on Community Budget and Finance Committee Meetings”**

[Report No. 09-03](#) (1/15/09) (PDF: 36K)

[Attachment 1](#) (PDF: 130K)

[Attachment 2](#) (PDF: 64K)

[Attachment 3](#) (PDF: 247K)

The Budget and Finance Committee and City Council will host a series of community meetings during the month of February to discuss the City’s budget challenges with residents. The IBA and Council members discussed various ways to effectively involve residents at these meetings in a process to prioritize City services, so that results could be compiled and utilized by the Mayor and the Council throughout the budget process. It was discussed that earlier community input in the budget process would be a more effective way to influence the budget during its development, and increase chances that it would reflect community service priorities. Dates and locations for community meetings are listed below.

**“Review of Five-Year Financial Outlook and Budget Balancing Scenarios”**

[Report No. 09-02](#) (1/15/09) (PDF: 171K)

[Attachment I](#) (PDF: 24K)

[Attachment II](#) (PDF: 16K)

In November 2008 the Mayor released an updated version of the Five-Year Financial Outlook for Fiscal Years 2010-2014. Overall, the Five-Year Financial Outlook presents a sobering view of the City’s financial situation, with significant General Fund deficits projected for each of the next five years. Solving these deficits will require substantial and timely corrective action. While we commend the Mayor for providing an Outlook that identifies projected deficits facing the City over the next several years, such an Outlook should be the basis for a comprehensive, multi-year plan for financial mitigation. In that vein, this report breaks from our review in prior years by providing several scenarios by which the projected budget deficits may be balanced. This report begins with a review of the Five-Year Outlook baseline revenue and expenditure projections. Several revisions are then made to the baseline in order to arrive at a more accurate and consistent deficit projection. A number of potential corrective actions are then discussed for consideration in addressing the projected shortfalls. Finally, we present the budget balancing scenarios to illustrate the types of corrective actions that may need to be employed to resolve deficits of such significant magnitude.

## **“Recommended Changes for SEDC Operating Agreement”**

[Report No. 09-01](#) (1/13/09) (PDF: 62K)

[Attachment 1](#) (PDF: 201K)

[Attachment 2](#) (PDF: 189K)

In September 2008 the City Auditor released a report on the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Performance Audit of Operations conducted by Macias Consulting Group. The Performance Audit concluded with 33 recommendations focusing on governance, organizational and operating changes. The SEDC Performance Audit was presented at the September 15, 2008 Audit Committee. The Committee received the audit and directed the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) “to review the findings and recommendations in the report and provide the Council with recommendations for amending the Operating Agreement as appropriate to ensure SEDC remains a separate and viable functioning entity with a stronger role for the mayor and Council as representatives to SEDC’s Board and a stronger oversight role for the SEDC Board which includes Board training on their fiduciary responsibilities and that the IBA include analysis and recommendations on other processes including budgeting and how information is transmitted...” This report outlines our proposed recommendations to the SEDC Operating Agreement and other improvements that we believe will address issues identified in the audit.

### **Other Reports Issued:**

[Report No. 09-05](#) (1/29/09) (PDF: 40K)

Fire Sprinkler Retrofitting for High-Rise Buildings

[Report No. 09-04](#) (1/23/09) (PDF: 30K)

Memorial Park Swimming Pool Improvements

[Report No. 08-125](#) (12/31/08) (PDF: 46K)

[Attachment](#) (11/9/07) (PDF: 381K)

Continued Retention of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP as City Disclosure Counsel

[Report No. 08-124](#) (12/31/08) (PDF: 41K)

[Attachment A](#) (12/16/08) (PDF: 365K)

Disposition of City owned Real Property

[Report No. 08-123](#) (12/31/08) (PDF: 40K)

[Attachment 1](#) (1/17/08) (PDF: 238K)

[Attachment 2](#) (11/10/08) (PDF: 213K)

Review of FY 2010 Legislative Budget Process

[Report No. 08-122](#) (12/18/08) (PDF: 40K)

[Attachment](#) (12/18/08) (PDF: 2MB)

Appointment Process for New Public Audit Committee Members

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

Proposed Public Input Process/Community Meetings related to Budget Priorities:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Locations</b>
Friday, January 30, 2009	2 pm -5 pm	<b>City Administration Building</b> 12 Floor Committee Room
Wednesday, February 4, 2009	6 pm -8 pm <i>(replaces morning meeting that day)</i>	<b>Joe &amp; Vi Jacobs Center</b> 404 Euclid Avenue San Diego, CA 92114
Saturday, February 14, 2009	9 am - Noon	<b>Mira Mesa Library</b> 8405 New Salem Street San Diego, CA 92126
Saturday, February 21, 2009	9 am -Noon	<b>Hoover High School Auditorium</b> 4474 El Cajon Boulevard San Diego, CA 92115
Wednesday, February 25, 2009	9 am -Noon	<b>City Administration Building</b> 12 Floor Committee Room
Thursday, February 26, 2009	6 pm -8 pm	<b>Lewis Middle School</b> 5170 Greenbrier Ave. San Diego, CA. 92120

Tuesday, April 14                      Mayor's Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

Tuesday, April 28                      Independent Budget Analyst's Preliminary Report on Mayor's Budget Issued

Wednesday, April 29 -  
Friday, May 8                              Proposed Budget Committee/Council Budget Hearings Held on City Departments