

City of San Diego
Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

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Highlights of Major Reports Issued in the Month of January:

[Report No. 11-02](#) “Council Budget Priorities For Fiscal Year 2012”

City Charter Section 265(b)(15) requires the Mayor to propose a budget to the City Council and the public by April 15 of each year. The City Council then holds a series of budget hearings to obtain public input, and to request additional information and discuss budget priorities with the Mayor and City management. Following the budget hearing process, the City Council may make modifications to the Mayor’s proposed budget. For development of the FY 2012 budget, hearings will be held Wednesday, May 4 through Friday, May 6, 2011, and potentially Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13, if needed.

Each year since February 2006, the Council has submitted its budget priorities to the Mayor for consideration in the development of his proposed budget. Typically the Council’s priorities have taken the form of a resolution accompanied by individual Councilmembers’ priorities memoranda and a report prepared by the IBA. This year, Councilmembers were requested to submit their priorities for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to Budget and Finance Committee Chair Todd Gloria.

This report compiled the individual budget priorities of each Councilmember, which were provided as an attachment, and identified five common themes which are proposed to represent the budget priorities of the entire City Council. It also summarized the various methods utilized in recent years to solicit citizen input in order to assist the Council in determining its budgetary priorities, including San Diego Speaks community input process and last year’s professionally administered citizen survey.

This item is scheduled to be heard at the City Council meeting on February 14, 2011.

[Report No. 11-03](#) “The Impact of Budget Reductions on Fire Inspection Fee Revenue”

At the November 17, 2010 Public Safety & Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee meeting, the Fire-Rescue Department reported that since April of 2010, there has been an increase in the number of fire inspections that are 90 days overdue. This trend is attributable to the limited availability of fire company personnel as a result of the implementation of rolling brownouts. At the meeting, the Committee Chair Marti Emerald requested that the Office of the IBA report back to the Committee with further information regarding the impacts of fire inspection delays on Fire-Rescue Department inspection revenue.

In response to the Committee Chair’s request, our office presented IBA Report No.11-03 to the PS&NS Committee on January 26, 2011 as an informational item. This report detailed the impact that the delays have had on revenue since the implementation of rolling brownouts and provided a projection of the total impact for FY 2011.

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Report No. 11-04 “Options for Structuring the Redevelopment Agency”

Pursuant to California Redevelopment Law, the City Council serves as the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency. With the transition to the Strong Mayor-Strong Council form of government in January 2006, the Mayor was removed as a member of the City Council, and no longer served as chair of the Agency Board. In order to create a role for the Mayor in redevelopment, the Agency appointed the Mayor as Agency Executive Director for a six month period while alternative structures for the Redevelopment Agency were evaluated. Since then, restructuring efforts have stalled, and the Agency has extended the Mayor’s designation as Executive Director on a temporary basis eight times, most recently in December 2010.

This report drew from work that was done under previous restructuring efforts, as well as additional IBA research, and provided a high-level overview of six potential organizational models for the Redevelopment Agency.

It was not the goal of this report to provide a detailed evaluation of all the various options; but rather, to broadly describe the most salient aspects of each model, highlight some of the main differences, and discuss potential advantages and disadvantages. This report is intended to be the starting point of a thorough review process, and to provide a foundation for more focused evaluation of the many options available for creating the most effective organizational structure for the Redevelopment Agency.

This report was presented as an informational item to the Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee on Monday, January 31, 2011.

Other Reports Issued in the Month of January 2011:

Executive Summary

Report No. 11-01 (1/7/11)

“Master Lease Agreement to Fund Vehicles and Equipment”

Executive Summary

Report No. 11-05 (1/28/11)

“Preliminary Statement of Work for Fleet Services”

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