

# **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council**  
**DIVISION: Legislative**

**PROGRAM: Legislative Services**  
**FUND: General Fund**

	<b>Actual 2010-11</b>	<b>Adopted 2011-12</b>	<b>Year-End Estimated 2011-12</b>	<b>Proposed 2012-13</b>	<b>Proposed 2013-14</b>
<b><u>PROGRAM EXPENSES/REVENUES</u></b>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 127,070	\$ 125,510	\$ 125,710	\$ 142,770	\$ 143,050
Services & Supplies	30,940	31,350	30,870	35,860	33,540
Total Operating Cost	158,010	156,860	156,580	178,630	176,590
Capital					
Debt Service					
Transfers					
Total Cost	\$ 158,010	\$ 156,860	\$ 156,580	\$ 178,630	\$ 176,590
<b><u>SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS</u></b>					
Legislative	\$ 158,010	\$ 156,860	\$ 156,580	\$ 178,630	\$ 176,590
Total Service Programs	\$ 158,010	\$ 156,860	\$ 156,580	\$ 178,630	\$ 176,590
<b><u>SUMMARY OF POSITIONS</u></b>					
Councilmembers	4	4	4	4	4
Mayor	1	1	1	1	1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Serving as the legislative and policy-making body of the City of Santa Maria, the Mayor and City Council ratify laws and make policy decisions that provide for the general welfare of the community. The City Council is comprised of five members, one (1) Mayor and four (4) Councilmembers. The Mayor and the four members of the City Council are all elected for 4-year terms by the citizens of the City. The Mayor officiates at Council meetings and serves as the executive and ceremonial head of our City government.

## **SUBPROGRAMS AND THEIR OBJECTIVES**

Through the adoption of the biennial budget, determines the appropriate service levels and revenue obligations; authorizes contracts and expenditures; establishes municipal service goals and operating policies; and adopts such regulatory measures as necessary to establish community protection.

Responsible to the electorate for keeping pace with changing community needs by providing appropriate programs, services and activities that sustain and enhance the quality of life in the community, while staying within established revenues and other fiscal constraints.

Through motions, resolutions and ordinances, the City Council establishes and formulates City policies and programs that reflect the needs of its residents.

Promotes confidence in local government through open conduct of public affairs; encouraging constructive public participation; cooperation; and communication between the City and its residents by representing the City in community activities.

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Represents the City on various intergovernmental boards and committees to achieve governmental cooperation, legislation and programs that are consistent with the needs of Santa Maria's residents.

Maintains a working knowledge of State and Federal issues that affect the City by attending conferences and other activities of the League of California Cities and other recognized professional organizations.

### **NOTEWORTHY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- In November 2012, the City will hold its General Municipal Election. Three seats on the City Council will be up for election. A new Mayor will be elected, as the incumbent Mayor has decided to not seek re-election. This will be the first time since January 2003 that a new Mayor will be sworn into office.
- Should Measure U (the 1/4-cent sales tax measure) be successful, the City Council will be appointing five members to a Citizens Oversight Committee; this Committee will be commissioned to oversee the expenditures of the 1/4-cent sales tax proceeds.
- As a result of ABX1 26, a seven-member "Oversight Board" was established. The Oversight Board will oversee dissolution activities of the former Redevelopment Agency, including payment of enforceable obligations, termination of agreements, disposal of assets, and distribution of funds. The City, as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, will be responsible for the cost of Oversight Board meetings. This cost may include mileage reimbursement for all seven members, as well as the cost of staffing the meetings, preparing agendas, reports and minutes, researching questions and providing information. However, the Oversight Board does not receive compensation in the form of salary. The two City appointees to the Oversight Board is the City Manager and the Director of Administrative Services.
- The increase in appropriations in 2012-13 is attributed to increased operational costs associated with a change in the Office of Mayor and seats on the City Council as it pertains to benefit levels, change of office expenses, and anticipated training expenses.