

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council
DIVISION: Legislative

PROGRAM: Legislative Services
FUND: General Fund

	Actual 2012-13	Adopted 2013-14	Year-End Estimated 2013-14	Proposed 2014-15	Proposed 2015-16
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES/REVENUES</u>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 131,400	\$ 143,050	\$ 142,430	\$ 151,970	\$ 152,850
Services & Supplies	27,060	34,070	31,330	33,110	33,110
Total Operating Cost	158,460	177,120	173,760	185,080	185,960
Capital					
Debt Service					
Transfers					
Total Cost	\$ 158,460	\$ 177,120	\$ 173,760	\$ 185,080	\$ 185,960

SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS

Legislative	\$ 158,460	\$ 177,120	\$ 173,760	\$ 185,080	\$ 185,960
Total Service Programs	\$ 158,460	\$ 177,120	\$ 173,760	\$ 185,080	\$ 185,960

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Council members	4	4	4	4	4
Mayor	1	1	1	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	5	5	5	5	5

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 impact its residents and businesses.

Promotes confidence in local government through conducting public affairs in an open session; encouraging constructive public participation, cooperation, and communication among the City, residents and businesses; represents the City at various community events and activities.

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Represents the City on various intergovernmental boards and committees to achieve regional governmental cooperation, legislation and programs that benefit Santa Maria's residents and businesses.

Maintains a working knowledge of State and Federal issues that affect the City by attending government-related conferences and other activities of the League of California Cities.

NOTEWORTHY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- In November 2014, the City will hold its General Municipal Election. Two seats on the City Council will be up for election. These two seats will serve a four-year term of office. In April 2014, signed petitions were submitted to the City to place an initiative measure on the November 2014 ballot asking the voters whether or not they would like to change the Council election process from an at-large process to a district election process. As of the time this document was drafted, this petition had not yet qualified for placement on the November 2014 ballot.
- As a result of voter passage of Measure U2012 (the quarter-cent transaction and use tax), the City Council appointed five members to a Citizens' Oversight Committee; this Committee is commissioned to oversee the expenditures of the Measure U2012 proceeds. The Oversight Committee's duties consist of reviewing the annual independent financial audit (performed by an independent auditor on the Measure U2012-generated revenue and expense during the previous fiscal year) as well as review any other City financial reports necessary to advise the City Council of its findings. The Oversight Committee's findings are presented annually, in a written report, to the City Council during the first quarter of the calendar year which will be based on the previous fiscal year ending June 30.

2014-16 BUDGET

CITY OF SANTA MARIA



Improving the community's quality of life is a priority for the City Council. The City Council has spearheaded successful legislative efforts with other government partners on larger projects affecting the Santa Maria Valley. Two successful examples are the completion of the Union Valley Parkway, now a major east-west route connecting Blosser Road to Highway 101 at the City's southern end. This project was a cooperative effort among Santa Barbara County (County), the City, CalTrans, and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. The City was at the forefront of efforts to protect Santa Maria against flooding and to help property owners avoid paying costly flood insurance by supporting efforts to rehabilitate the Santa Maria River Levee. The City Council, City departments, and the County successfully lobbied for Federal funds to repair nearly seven miles of levee. The City also contributed funds from Measure U2012. Rehabilitation work began in 2009 and the final stretch was completed by May 2014. The City's Building Division used all of its know-how to assist developers in erecting several very large recent projects, ranging from a new hospital, a new cancer center, two fire stations, a massive greenhouse, a 14-screen cineplex, and a large fruit and vegetable warehouse and processor.