

Dear Sacramento City Manager Howard Chan, Mayor Steinberg, Vice Mayor Caity Maple, CM Lisa Kaplan, CM Talamantes, CM Valenzuela, CM Guerra, CM Jennings, and CM Vang,

Regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Budget Development Update File ID: 2024-00630

And the Supplemental Material (containing possible cuts to Core City Services) at:

[https://sacramento.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=38&clip\\_id=5882&meta\\_id=774666](https://sacramento.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=38&clip_id=5882&meta_id=774666)

We, the undersigned, recognize that a deficit of \$66 million is a significant amount. Core City services might be reduced, and fee and permit rates raised to balance the budget. In response to these concerns, we have the following priorities for your consideration:

We support:

- **Full transparency for possible reductions in funding to non-profit organizations.**  
For internal City departments, City departmental heads were directed to submit a list of possible items that would reduce their departmental budget by 15%. All of those departmental reduction lists were compiled to create the Supplemental Material list referenced above. We ask that a similar list be publicly published for non-profit organizations as well. Possible non-profit funding reductions should be publicly published before May 9th, 2024 so that the public has time to comment on those reductions at or before the May 15<sup>th</sup> Sacramento City Council meeting so that our comments will be considered as a part of final deliberations and the final budget vote in June.

The City needs to be as publicly transparent about reductions in funding to non-profit organizations as they are about reducing funding to City departments.

We oppose:

- **Level 3 and Level 4 cuts to the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento Fire Department** as those would reduce police and fire staffing, and perhaps even entire units;
- **Level 3 and Level 4 cuts to the Youth Parks and Community Enrichment** department as that would have a greater impact on low-income areas than high income areas; and
- **Any reductions that will have a greater impact on low-resource areas than high-resource areas.**

Please consider that one possible Level 4 reduction is reducing the days that non-hub swimming pools are open to the public. Last year, non-hub swimming pools were open 5 days each week, and this summer may only be open 3 days each week. There are hub pools in District 1 (high resource), District 4 (high-resource), and District 8 (low-resource). This means that five City districts only have non-hub pools that will have reduced days open to the public. These non-hub pools operate as city cooling centers for the low-income residents who may not have air conditioning in the summer heat.

While the budget situation is dire, it is critical that the City is wise and just as they navigate this budget crisis.

Sincerely,

ROBLA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION- District 1 / District 2

NORALTO NEIGHBORS-UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION– District 2

BEN ALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – District 2

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OLD NORTH SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION- UPTOWN/DIXIEANNE - District 2  
LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - District 7

...as well as 17 individual signatories who are civically active in City Council Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Additional Note: These signatures were collected between April 22 - April 25, 2024.