

Part I

Introduction

Transmittal Letter

April 30, 2012

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

2013 Fiscal Year Budget Transmittal

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

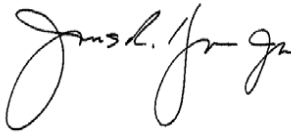
Introduction and Economic Backup

Tonight, and in accordance with my responsibility as City Manager, I am pleased to submit the City of Palo Alto's Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget. As you know, since the fall of 2008, the City's General Fund has faced significant fiscal challenges.

- cost of living...
- implementing...

Conclusion

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James Keene, City Manager

Budget Balancing Recommendations

Eventually a table will go here

Subtotal	17,979.00	-35,892.14	-51.50	-91.00	-5,634.00	-23,689.64
RowTitle1	1,023.00	-2,342.00	3.00	0.00	-504.00	-1,820.00
RowTitle2	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	40.00
Change	16,950.00%	-33,557.14	-62.50%	-100.00%	-5,140.00%	-
RowTitle4	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00	90.00
Total	1,045.00	-2,318.00	29.00	28.00	-474.00	-1,690.00

Part II

More involved tests

dual column test

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RowTitle1	-2,846.00	-2,342.00	0.00	-	-504.00	-2,846.00
RowTitle2	26.00	7.00	9.00	-22.22%	10.00	26.00
RowTitle3	41.00	12.00	14.00	-14.29%	15.00	41.00
RowTitle4	56.00	17.00	19.00	-10.53%	20.00	56.00
RowTitle5	71.00	22.00	24.00	-8.33%	25.00	71.00
Subtotal	-2,652.00	-2,284.00	66.00	-3,560.61%	-434.00	-2,652.00
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Objective:

- Transcribe and post minutes from all City Council meetings in less than four weeks
- Prepare and publish timely, accurate agendas
- Effectively coordinate public hearings and the publication of related materials or documents

Goal 2: Respond to the legislative needs of the City Council and the community in a timely and effective manner

Objective:

- Utilize technology to enhance access to online materials
- Ensure all Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) are filed in compliance with Fair Political Practices Commission requirements

Goal 3: Effectively adminster municipal elections and appointments to boards and commmissions

Objective:

- Ensure no challenges for clerical errors in election materials
- Conduct community outreach to enhance knowledge of - and interest in - serving on boards and commissions

City Clerk



Department Description

The City Clerk Department's Mission is:

To help administer the laws and services that directly affect the daily lives of our citizens by administering elections, records management, and is responsible for the legislative process of all City Council meetings. The City Clerk's Office plays a vital role in our democracy.

The City Clerk's Office provides support to the City Council and the public by providing copies of the agendas and associated reports and documents, including posting and publishing of legal notices and scheduling public hearings. Transcription of meeting minutes, recording of ordinances and resolutions, records management, elections, and board and commission recruitments are all functions of the Clerk's Office.

Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Implemented an automated agenda management program and migrated to paperless agenda packets using Electronic Reading Devices
- ✓ Posted 100 percent of the City Council and Standing Committee agendas - a total of 123 agendas - within legally required timeframes
- ✓ Facilitated additional public interest to serve on Board and Commissions by using new advertising methods including placing flyers and bookmarks at various City offices and commercial businesses, Craigslist, rBlock

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