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**Consideration of Citizen Petition Submitted by Tamara Weaver - District 1**

This report provides the City Council with information regarding a document (**Attachment A**) submitted by Tamara Weaver at the October 29, 2025, Formal City Council meeting for consideration as a citizen petition. The submitted document was essentially two citizen petition requests in one. The first issue raised was principally an objection to the proposed North Park Rezoning and Development Plan on approximately 6,400 acres of land managed in a trust by the Arizona State Land Department. This development is coming forward with two general plan amendments (GPA-NG-1-24-1 and GPA-NG-2-2024 and one Planned Unit Development Zoning case (Z-139-24-1). The second citizen petition requests the City Council to conduct a thorough investigation from 2019 to the present to "assess the effects of special interest involvement, campaign finance practices, contributions from lobbyists, and developers, related contracts, zoning approvals for pertinent entities, committee appointments, comprehensive expenditures reports, funding sources for trips and events and review personal investment activities of lawmakers and committee members within this period to benefit to verify that all transactions were conducted without reliance on confidential or non-public information."

Summary

The attached document (**Attachment A**) was submitted to the City Council for consideration as a citizen petition. Upon review by the Law Department, and in consultation with the Planning and Development Department, it was determined that this document did not qualify as a citizen petition and therefore, could not be placed on a Council agenda. This determination is explained below and this response is considered an information request.

The requested action for the first issue raised does not legally qualify as a valid citizen petition under Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter because legally it is not ripe for City Council's consideration. Its filing prematurely circumvents an already established legal process to hear the merits of both the rezoning case and the two general plan amendments. Tentative hearing dates on this matter will take place on November 13, 2025, before the North Gateway Village Planning Committee, then on December 4, 2025, before the Planning Commission and then the City Council will consider the matter on December 4, 2025. At each of these hearings, Ms. Weaver will

have the opportunity to be heard and can raise the same issues of concern as those raised in the submitted materials. The second request also does not legally qualify as a valid citizen petition under Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter because City Council does not have the jurisdiction to investigate the areas identified in the request. Investigations alleging improper campaign finance practices, contributions, expenditures, funding sources of special interests and reviewing the personal investment activities of lawmakers and committee members are not matters within the investigative authority or purview of the City Council.

Staff have contacted Tamara Weaver to provide this information and this report was created for public awareness, which will be shared with Ms. Weaver as well.

Location

Southwest corner of the Loop 303 and Interstate 17 freeways.
Council District: 1

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson and the Planning and Development Department.

CITIZEN PETITION REQUEST

Subject: Rezoning Case No. Z-139-24-1 & General Plan Amendment Case Nos. GPA-NG-1-24-1 & GPA-NG-2-24-1

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CITY CLERK DEPT.

As a homeowner in North Phoenix, I strongly oppose the proposed rezoning for NorthPark, Rezoning Case No. Z-139-24-1 & General Plan Amendment Case Nos. GPA-NG-1-24-1 & GPA-NG-2-24-1. This project represents overdevelopment that will severely harm our community.

Outsized Special Interest & Lobbying Concerns

Lobbying's purpose is to persuade lawmakers on issues that affect a group or the public, **with no guaranteed outcome.**

When private meetings are held between lawmakers and special interest groups, sewer lines are installed, roads and fences constructed prior to the approval of rezoning and land sales, it suggests a predetermined outcome. **This raises concerns about transparency, the ability for lawmakers to make objective decisions, and undermines the integrity of fair public processes.**

Other key concerns include:

1. **Flawed traffic study** – The analysis assumes 20% of trips stay inside the community, far above the 5–10% recommended by City guidelines. This underestimates the true number of cars on our roads.
2. **Outdated comparisons** – The study relies on traffic data from Anthem (2010–2012), which is not reflective of today's congestion, travel patterns, or growth.
3. **Failing intersections** – Critical intersections are projected to fail with long delays and safety risks.
4. **Child safety** – With thousands of additional vehicles on Stetson Valley Parkway, children will not be able to cross safely to

- schools, parks, or friends' homes. This threatens the walkability and livability of our neighborhood.
5. **Semi-truck cut-throughs** – By opening Stetson Valley Parkway as a north-south corridor, semi-trucks will be allowed to cut through what is currently a residential street. This is not acceptable in a family-oriented neighborhood — semi-trucks should be prohibited from utilizing this neighborhood road.
 6. **Unfunded mitigations** – The study assumes roadway improvements by 2050 that are neither funded nor guaranteed. In reality, residents would face years of gridlock before relief ever comes.
 7. **Excessive density** – Increasing from 1 home per acre to nearly 5 homes per acre will generate over 160,000 daily vehicle trips, overwhelming neighborhood streets, arterials, and freeways. This density does not fit the character of our community.
 8. **Industrial uses disguised as “innovation”** – Residents are deeply concerned about the inclusion of a **microchip manufacturing plant or similar heavy industrial use** within this project. Calling this an “innovation corridor” is misleading — it masks the fact that these are industrial operations, not compatible with nearby residential neighborhoods.
 9. **Environmental and quality-of-life impacts** – Microchip fabrication facilities are extremely resource-intensive. They consume vast amounts of **water and electricity**, use **hazardous chemicals**, and generate **airborne and wastewater pollutants**. Additionally, they operate 24 hours a day, creating **constant noise, lighting, and vibration impacts** that are incompatible with residential living.
 10. **Inappropriate location for industrial activity** – Industrial facilities should be sited in properly zoned, buffered areas with existing infrastructure to support their energy and water demands — **not adjacent to homes, schools, and parks**. Allowing such uses here would irreversibly alter the character, safety, and livability of our community.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, citizen and resident of the City of Phoenix, hereby petition the City Council to deliberate and enact, within fifteen (15) days, a resolution to deny this rezoning request. At a minimum, the project should be significantly reduced in scale and exclude all industrial or manufacturing uses until traffic, safety, and environmental concerns are fully addressed.

Please protect our community from reckless overdevelopment and incompatible industrial expansion.

I also formally petition the City Council to deliberate and enact, within fifteen (15) days, a resolution to commission a thorough review and investigation, commencing from 2019, to assess the effects of special interest involvement, campaign finance practices, contributions from lobbyists and developers, related contracts, zoning approvals for pertinent entities, committee appointments, comprehensive expenditure reports, funding sources for trips and events, and review the personal investment activities of lawmakers and committee members within this period to verify that all transactions were conducted without reliance on confidential or non-public information.

Tamara Weaver

Tamara Weaver

of Stetson Valley

Phoenix, AZ 85083

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Say NO to NorthPark

 **Macey**

4 days ago

Our neighborhood has families crossing Stetson valley pkwy to get to school. We to on walks almost daily in the fall, winter, and spring along Stetson valley... kids ride bikes and scooters. Please say no to making our neighbors dangerous. Keep our children safe.

 **Diana**

3 weeks ago

This project needs to be stopped! Developers are ruining our beautiful home area. I moved out here 22 years ago and love the natural beauty. This will ruin it and make this area like Scottsdale and downtown Phoenix with all the traffic and people. Please speak out and there are legal ways to put this on a ballot for a vote

 **Diana**

3 weeks ago

this needs to stop! most of us bought out there to avoid living in downtown Phoenix with all the mess and traffic. I was told when I bought 20+ years ago, this would stay a preserve. Too much development and it will go stale like in 2008

 **Richard**

4 months ago

More open spaces are needed than houses. Keeping passage ways for wildlife, temperature relief, quality of life, and many others. Phoenix needs to grow out not up or in. Unlike most cities we are not land locked or limited. 1. Public Health Value Research shows that routine physical activity contributes to well-being and longevity, helping prevent multiple chronic diseases, including diabetes, heart

disease, high blood pressure, depression, and cancer. But most Americans — adults and childr..

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Lance

4 months ago

Not only does this invasive expansion have an impact on resources for the residents of this area; it is detrimental to the life that resided here long before us. What was meant to be a reservation of nature has turned into a scapegoat for the greedy development conceptualizers that wish to sell it for and turn it into an excess of homes and shopping centers for monetary gain. We are not far from seeing the natural beauty of northern phoenix fade into obscurity, as the pockets of the wealthy gro...

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Paul

4 months ago

Our house backs up to Stetson Valley Pkwy. We are already fed up with the year long construction project for the sewer project waking us up every morning and do not want more loud traffic flowing through to the new development. We also love to take walks into the preserve and mountain bike. The preserve was the main reason we moved out here. This would really drop the valley of homes around here by making it congested with a new major development down the street.



Tabita

4 months ago

Phoenix has become to congested, we need to limit the number of houses build in the valley.



Frank

4 months ago

We all are going up against builders and Council Members who want to see the city grow (more residences, business = more taxes). They don't care about nature nor the community. Need way more supporters as well as any legal reason why they cannot build. They already have the design.



Jennifer

4 months ago

Our two-story home backs up to the canal with the beautiful views of the desert landscape. We love watching the native wildlife, mountain bikers and hot air balloons that frequent this area. We are not happy to think that homes are going to be built and the peaceful nights we have will be interrupted with excess homes and cars. Take your idea of a development and move it elsewhere. Stetson Valley also cannot take on the amount of traffic, cars or people that will flood through our neighborhood t...

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John

5 months ago

Nature is the best amenity not environmental degradation and reduction in intrinsic value.



Gabrielle

11 months ago

Too much traffic



Gail

11 months ago

As an AZ. Native, slowly over the years & now selling state land along 1-17 & the 303, to create another city & thousands of Apt. complexes & homes around a chip plant that residents didn't want and knowing they were allowed to bypass NEPA reviews which are crucial to our air pollution is unconscionable to the community & Citizens residing in the area! Water, only 90 % will be recycled. Where is the 10% going? AZ. Selling & helping foreign companies is not appealing to the US Citizens/Residents....

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Paul

11 months ago

Phoenix should continue its celebrated history of Mountain preserve parks. Public land for it's citizens



Janet

11 months ago

Say no to road extensions over the canal.



Erica

11 months ago

No to more traffic on a quiet neighborhood street. No to apartments. No to wildlife having to relocate. No to losing a safe place for families to enjoy.



Amanda

11 months ago

Stetson Valley will be forever changed if this is allowed. Traffic is already busy and there are families that walk, ride bikes and play on or near 51st ave. This will make the community dangerous not to mention the impact to natural resources.

 Amy

11 months ago

No to Northpark. Getting way too congested up here all ready. Save the land

 Mich

12 months ago

Stop. Keep nature protected . People need areas to see beautiful nature and not just house after house.

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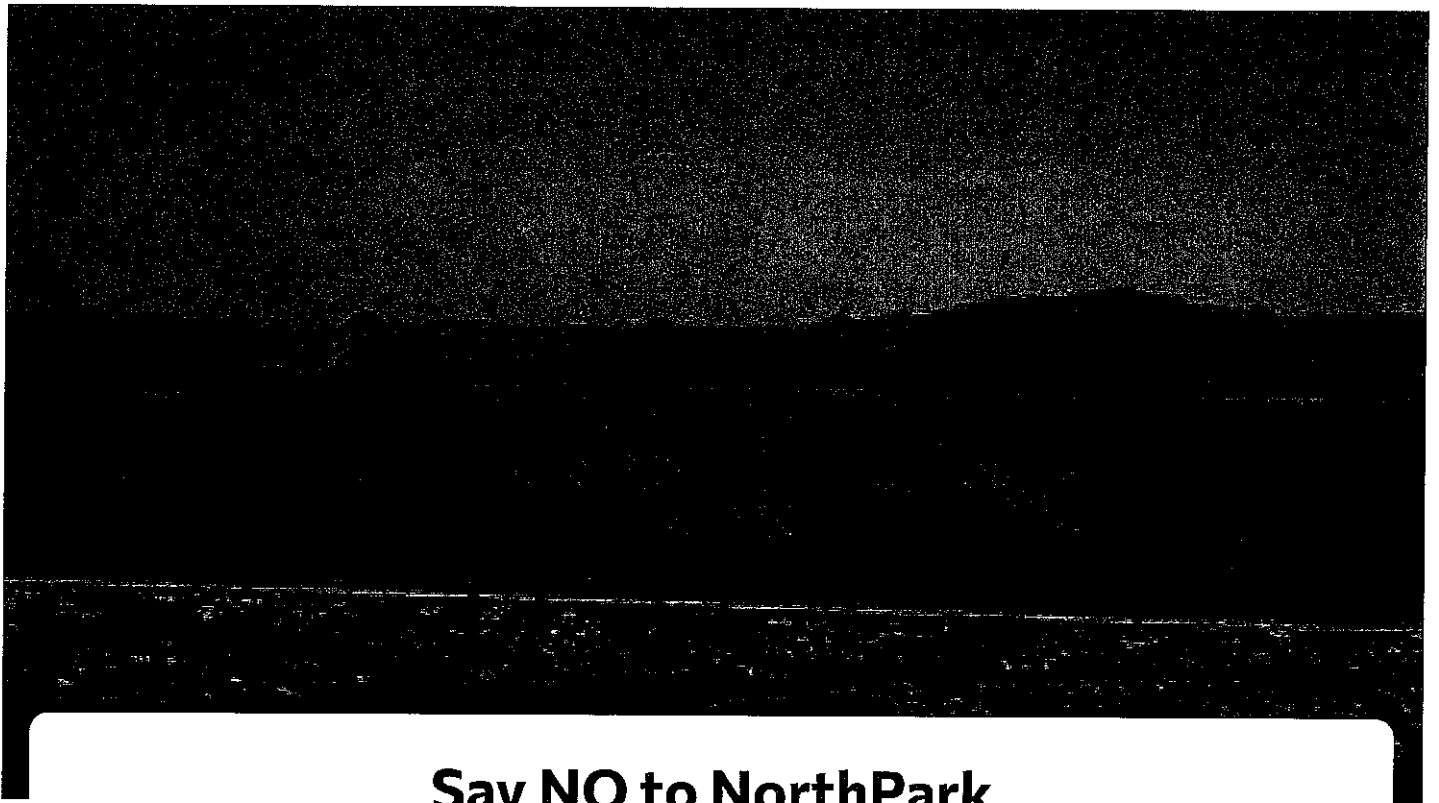
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Say NO to NorthPark

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🚩 Let's get to 1000 signatures!

Petitions with 1,000+ supporters are 5x more likely to win!



Decision Makers: Ann O'Brien +4



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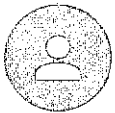
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The Issue

Hello everyone! This page has been established to bring together residents of Phoenix that are against the development of NorthPark, a proposed 19,000 home development in Northern Phoenix.

The development raises concerns for traffic, water consumption, and shrinking open spaces to enjoy nature and recreate. Please sign this petition to urge city council to vote against rezoning this area for residential development.

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The Decision Makers



Phoenix City Council

3 Members

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Betty Guardado

Phoenix City Council - District 5



Laura Pastor

Phoenix City Council - District 4



Ann O'Brien

Phoenix City Council - District 1



Yassamin Ansari

Former Phoenix City Council - District 7

Awaiting response



Kate Gallego

Phoenix City Mayor

Awaiting response

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Gail, Peoria

11 months ago



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Jennifer, Los Angeles

4 months ago

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Macey, Bellevue

4 days ago

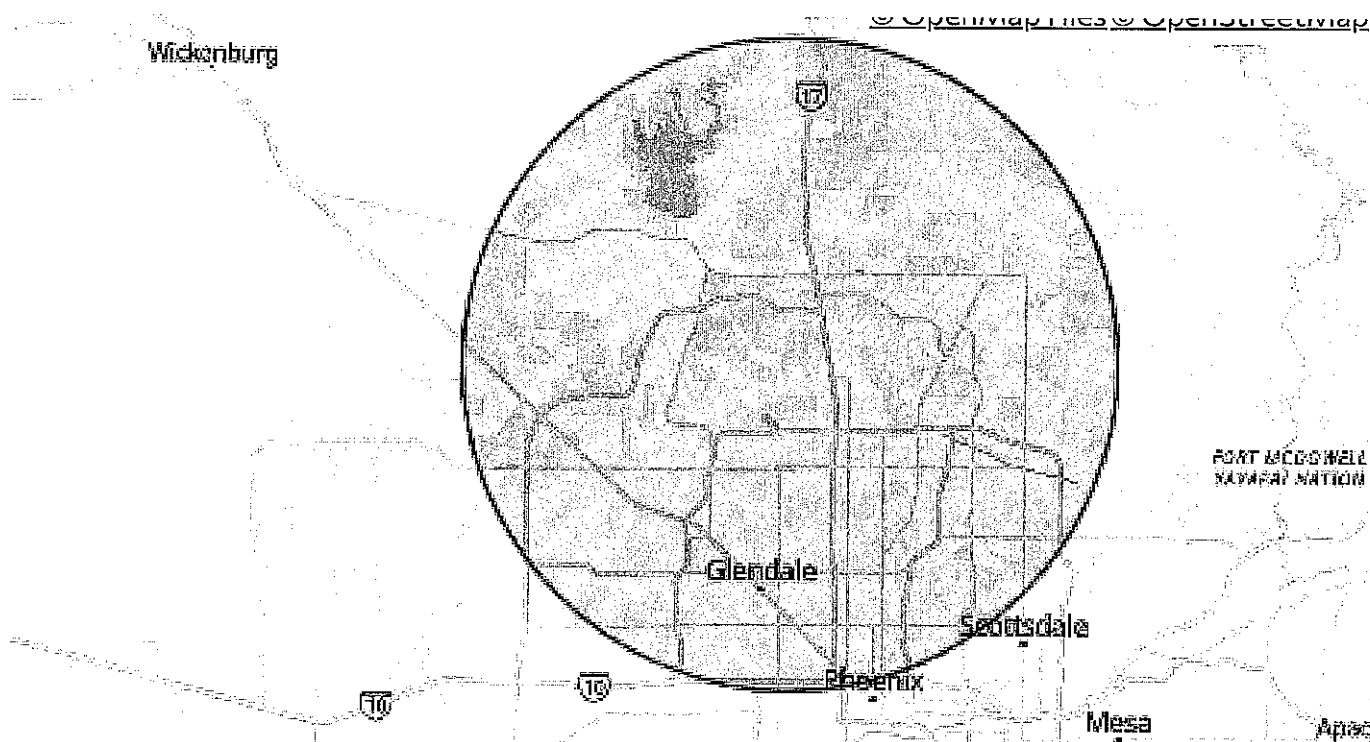
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Petition updates

Correction to email list

1 week ago

Updated email address: sdrian.zambrano@phoenix.gov in the previous list should be adrian.zambrano@phoenix.gov. Thank you!

Key Decision Makers Contact Info

2 weeks ago

Hi Everyone! The key meetings that will determine if the Northpark development is approved are coming up. Again, this development raises so many concerns for open-space, recreational opportunities, industrial pollution (the developers recently noted that semiconductor manufacturing will be included in this development south of the 303), overcrowding, water-use,...

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Fiscal Transparency and Inventory of Programs Budget Document - Citywide

This report transmits the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Inventory of Programs budget document to the City Council and community.

Summary

The Inventory of Programs budget document was created in response to the City Council's request for a more transparent, relevant, and detailed presentation of the City's budget. The document provides a comprehensive review of more than 365 City programs, and includes costs, revenues, funding sources, staffing levels, performance measures, and other key budget details.

The Inventory of Programs provides a unique and important presentation of the City's budget. It presents the budget by *program*, and achieves several goals, including:

- Providing a detailed and relevant presentation of the City's budget, allowing the City Council and community to review the budget of every program using a zero-based budgeting approach.
- Providing the City Council with budget and program information at an earlier stage in the annual budget development process.
- Improving the overall accessibility and understandability of the budget by packaging it in a user-friendly format for Phoenix residents.

Budget Development Process

The City is committed to helping residents understand how their tax dollars are used and to making the budget process transparent, accessible, and easily understood. To that end, the City has one of the most open and accessible budget processes in the country. Phoenix has received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for 39 consecutive years.

The City makes the Inventory of Programs available early in the annual budget development process, providing the City Council and community the opportunity to review the current year budget and to begin considering what changes they might recommend for next year's budget. The Inventory of Programs provides information from both the current and prior year budgets. This provides helpful context to budget data and performance measures.

The Inventory of Programs document is provided on the Budget and Research website at phoenix.gov/budget and is designed to be easily reviewed electronically with a table of contents, navigation links throughout the document, and full word search capability.

The release of the Inventory of Programs marks a significant early milestone in the budget process. That process continues in early 2026 with the presentation of the preliminary 2026-27 General Fund Budget Status and the Multi-Year General Fund Forecast. These documents provide a strategic and long-term view of the City budget, offering key information to guide budget discussion and decision making. Following the release of these documents, the City Manager's Trial Budget will be presented in March 2026, which includes greater detail on the proposed 2026-27 Budget.

The Trial Budget will then be brought to the community during community budget hearings in April. Budget hearings will be available both in-person and virtually, providing greater flexibility for residents to participate. Additionally, English and Spanish interpretation services will be available at all budget hearings. Residents can also provide input via online forms, email, and telephone. All community feedback is shared with the City Council routinely so it can be considered ahead of final budget decision making.

The Proposed Budget is scheduled for two meetings in the month of May, the second of which is intended for City Council action. The two Council meetings in May ensure the Mayor and Council have sufficient opportunity to consider feedback from the community on the proposed budget, and fully evaluate, question, and discuss the budget prior to taking action. In June and July, tentative and final budget information is published in official newspapers, additional hearings are posted and conducted, and final legally required actions are taken.

Resources Available

Currently, the phoenix.gov webpage provides access to a wealth of information on the City's budget and finances. Listed below are additional resources on the Budget and Research (phoenix.gov/budget) and Finance (phoenix.gov/finance) departments' web pages:

- Inventory of Programs.
- Summary Budget.
- Detail Budget.
- Five-year Capital Improvement Program.
- Budget-related documents and reports to City Council.
- Contact information for the Budget and Research and Finance Departments.

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports.
- Monthly Financial Reports.
- Popular Annual Financial Reports.
- Online City Checkbook.
- Investor information.
- Annual Single Audit detailing grant program expenditures.

Also on the phoenix.gov home page is a link to “Find Public Records,” which provides public access to all types of City documents, including City Council meeting minutes, requests for City Council action, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and reports.

Inventory of Programs Information

The Inventory of Programs budget document contains a variety of information, as identified below.

Citywide and General Fund Information

A breakdown of Citywide operating expenditures by category and fund source, operating fund revenue by source, and the number of volunteer hours for each department is provided. Expenditure categories include:

- Personal services (total compensation costs, including all wages and benefits).
- Contractual services (payments made to outside vendors and contractors, including all outsourced services).
- Supplies, equipment, and minor capital improvements.
- Interdepartmental charges (work order charges from one department to another based on internal services provided, where appropriate).
- Necessary transfers between funds.

Actuals Comparison

Annual actual expenditures for recent years in all the budget categories described above are provided.

Staff Costs Overview

This section provides detail on staffing costs (also referred to as “personal services”) for all funds and for the General Fund. It describes the major components of staff costs (salaries and wages, benefits, payroll taxes, and other legally required costs) and their budgeted amounts.

Citywide Department Information

The Inventory of Programs provides department-specific information, including:

- Department status overview of enhancements, priorities, and challenges.

- Department-specific revenue and budget summary.
- For departments receiving volunteer assistance, description of volunteer services in applicable programs and the number of volunteer hours provided.
- The total cost for each department program (net and gross), including the administrative cost.
- The primary strategic plan area supported by each program.
- Staffing, or total full-time equivalent (FTE), for each program, including full-time, temporary, and part-time staff.
- Program fund source, which may be a single fund, such as the General Fund, or a combination of funds, such as grants, special revenue funds, and General Fund.
- For applicable programs, service level trends illustrated by budgeted performance measures.
- Information on whether the program provides matching funds for a grant-funded program.

Zero-Based Estimates and Detailed Technical Expenditure Reviews

Each fall, a thorough technical analysis, or detailed line-item review, is performed for the current year's budget. Every department works with Budget and Research staff to review all budget line-items, making adjustments to reflect anticipated cost savings and ensure accurate forecasts.

At the same time, the City develops estimates for every budget line-item for the next fiscal year's budget. It is important to note that every line-item of the budget starts at zero dollars. This is an important cost-control element of the budget process, helping to ensure new cost estimates are prepared each year and preventing the automatic extension or increase of current budgeted costs. The final amounts in each line-item are new estimates necessary to continue existing City Council-adopted service levels for each program. In projecting annual personal services costs (total employee compensation), estimates are based on the number of positions authorized by the City Council and on the specific compensation configuration for each individual position.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton, Deputy City Manager Amber Williamson and the Budget and Research Department.