



CITY OF OAKLAND

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**TO:** City Council and Members of the Public  
**FROM:** Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 2  
**SUBJECT:** **Amendment Of The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget**

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Dear City Council Colleagues and Members of the Public,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution and amendments for the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

As the Council considers amending our current budget and allocating \$192M in ARPA funds to address our projected budget shortfall and maintain our mandated emergency reserve, it is imperative that we ensure a transparent and accountable budget process that provides for public input. We must use the ARPA funds responsibly by ensuring the funds support a just recovery and aid Oakland's most vulnerable residents, and that the maximum amount of funds are used for our next two-year budget.

To achieve these goals, we have an independent analysis of our financial situation, similar to the checks and balances of many other jurisdictions and legislative bodies, from Harvey Rose & Associates; and we have heard from the Public, the Council and the Administration at our prior Council meetings on March 16th and March 29th.

I thank Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan and Councilmember Treva Reid for securing \$10M from the Coliseum Authority to help address Oakland's vital needs. I appreciate Vice Mayor Kaplan for listening to Public and Councilmember input at our past Council meetings in order to propose restorations of services and critical new services with this \$10M in revenue, as well as with additional fund balance.

Please note that the resolution also includes important actions to ensure transparency and accountability and to meet Oakland's most pressing needs.

- The City Administrator will seek and develop proposed uses for federal, state or other funding available for the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units to be converted to permanent affordable housing, and return to Council to authorize expenditures for such purposes for specific, identified properties.
- If the City receives Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) revenue in the estimated amount of \$10.5M this fiscal year from a large property sale and the Q3 revenue forecast exceeds the Q2, then the additional RETT revenue shall be allocated to close the GPF

shortfall instead of ARPA funds, allowing those ARPA funds to be available for the FY 2021-2023 budget.

- New funds that have not been previously budgeted shall be appropriated and allocated through a public process by the City Council with a public vote.
- The mandated emergency reserve fund shall remain in full and continue to be available when the Council adopts the FY 2021-2023 budget, unless Council authorizes otherwise by a vote at a public meeting.
- The Council shall receive regular and frequent updates on the City's revenue and expenses including a corrective action plan for each department projected to overspend at the May 18th meeting and the Q3 revenue and expenditure report at the June 1st meeting.

I look forward to our discussion and appreciate the work of our Finance Department and City Attorney's Office in supporting our budget deliberations.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Miya Saika Chen, Chief of Staff, Office of Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, at [mchen@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mchen@oaklandca.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments:

1. Resolution Amending the FY 2020-2021 Budget
2. Exhibit 1 - Revenue & Expenditure Report for Select Funds
3. Exhibit 2 - Budget Amendments