



CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Elizabeth Lake
Acting City Administrator

FROM: Bradley Johnson
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SUBJECT: Budget Advisory Commission FY
2026-27 Midcycle Budget
Recommendations

DATE: May 26, 2026

City Administrator Approval


Betsy Lake (May 28, 2026 17:13:17 PDT)

Date: May 28, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receives the Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) Report With Recommendations Related To The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached BAC report provides recommendations related to the FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget. Pursuant to the City's Consolidated Fiscal Policy (CFP), the BAC is requested to submit a published written report to the full City Council regarding the proposed budget no later than June 1 during budget adoption years.

REASON FOR URGENCY

The urgency associated with this item is consistent with the Sunshine Ordinance and Brown Act requirements. The Proposed FY 2026-27 Midcycle Budget was publicly released on May 15, 2026, and the BAC's special meeting to review, deliberate, and vote on the budget recommendations is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Given the timing of the budget release and the City Council's scheduled budget meeting on June 1, 2026, there is insufficient time to meet standard agenda scheduling timelines. Approval of the urgent request will support public engagement, transparency, and inclusion of the BAC recommendations to City Council consistent with the CFP.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The BAC was established pursuant to [Ordinance No. 13337 C.M.S.](#) as advisory to report on matters related to the City's fiscal health.

Special City Council
June 1, 2026

Pursuant to the City's CFP [Ordinance 13487 C.M.S.](#) the BAC is requested to submit a published written report to the full City Council regarding the proposed budget, no later than June 1 during budget adoption years.

On May 15, 2026, the City publicly released the FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget for review. The BAC scheduled review and deliberation of the proposed budget for its special meeting on May 27, 2026, in advance of the City Council's budget meeting on June 1, 2026.

This report includes the BAC's recommendations related to the FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget for City Council review and consideration as part of the budget adoption process.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The BACs review of the proposed budget includes a written report provided as **(Attachment A)** and a presentation provided as **(Attachment B)** supports the Citywide priority of a responsive, trustworthy government by providing timely and up-to-date financial information affecting the fiscal health of the City, encouraging public participation in fiscal decision-making, and enhancing transparency and accountability of City fiscal information and processes.

The BAC's recommendations are consistent with the CFP [Ordinance 13487 C.M.S.](#), Section 3, Item 9 which request the BAC to submit a published written report to the full City Council regarding the proposed budget, no later than June 1 during budget adoption years.

RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

The BAC's review and recommendations related to the FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget supports the [City of Oakland Strategic Plan 2025-2028](#), particularly goals related to responsive and inclusive government, fiscal responsibility, transparency, accountability, equitable service delivery, and community engagement.

Additionally, these recommendations align with [Oakland's Roadmap to Fiscal Health](#) framework which emphasizes structural balance, financial management, and aligning available resources with core City priorities and service delivery goals.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts in the acceptance of this report.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No public outreach was necessary in the preparation of this staff report. The Budget Advisory Commission discussed their comments and recommendations to the Proposed FY 2026-27 Midcycle Budget at a public and noticed meeting of that body prior to adoption.

COORDINATION

An ad hoc working group of the Budget Advisory Commission coordinated with the full Budget Advisory Commission, the Department of Finance's Budget Bureau, and the City Administrator's Office to produce this report and agenda item.


RACE AND EQUITY

The City Council's consideration of the BAC recommendations as part of the budget deliberation process supports informed decision making and transparency consistent with the City's race and equity goals and strategic priorities.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council receive a report from the BAC on recommendations on the Proposed FY 2026-27 Midcycle Budget. For questions regarding this report, please contact Tiffany Kirkpatrick, Budget & Management Analyst, at 510-238-2366

Respectfully submitted,


[Bradley Johnson \(May 28, 2026 13:51:57 PDT\)](#)

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Attachments (2)

A: BAC FY 26-27 Midcycle Budget Recommendations

B: Recommendations on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget BAC Presentation