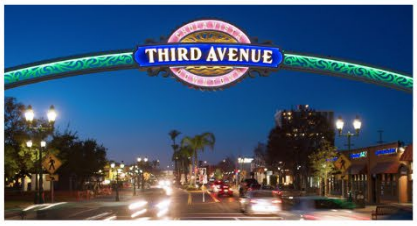
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CITY OF CHULA VISTA

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Recognizing City Employees: City Budget Team

The Chula Vista Budget Team is responsible for the planning, development, and management of City funds to support strategic goals, deliver quality services, maintain long-term financial sustainability, and support City departments to provide critical and essential services.



"The City Budget is more than just numbers on a page — it's a reflection of our community's priorities and a blueprint for the future," said Ed Prendell, Budget and Analysis Manager. "Every decision we make directly impacts on the services our residents rely on, from public safety to parks and infrastructure. This is why the work of the Budget Team is so critical — we ensure that every dollar is spent wisely to support a thriving, equitable, and sustainable City."

The team consists of five members: Ed Prendell, Budget and Analysis Manager; Maritza Vargas, Fiscal and Management Analyst; Nicole Remiker, Fiscal and Management Analyst; Laura Johnson, Fiscal and Management Analyst; and Marco De La Toba, Senior Management Analyst.

A typical day for the Budget Team includes planning the coordination, preparation, and execution of the City's Annual Budget through various factors, monitoring and reporting financial performance, advising City Departments and staff leadership, ensuring

compliance and fiscal responsibility, and ensuring City staff is adhering to all applicable financial regulations.

The City is currently working on updating its Strategic Plan and expects it to be completed by the end of 2025, around the time the initial budget development processes for Fiscal Year 2027 will occur. The Budget team will be responsive to community insights and recommendations from this process related to budget development and monitoring, and community engagement. Future budgetary decisions will align with the strategic vision and priorities updated in the adopted Strategic Plan.

The Budget Team operates on an annual budget cycle that keeps them actively engaged throughout the fiscal year. The cycle begins in November with the development of the General Fund long-term financial plan. In January, the team shifts focus to preparing the annual budget. By April, the department organizes and presents the proposed budget to the community, seeking public input before the City Manager presents it to the City Council in May. The budget is then finalized and adopted by June 30. Once approved, the budget is continuously monitored through quarterly reviews of fiscal activity, the Budget Team provides analysis and recommendations for the City's revenues and expenditures with financial reports presented to the City Council to ensure transparency and accountability.

For more information on the City's Budget, please visit the Budget webpage.