Overview of FY 27 Budget Engagement and Educational Opportunities

Budget Oversight Committee Meeting

July 28, 2026

Presented by Rebecca Bernstorff, Budget Manager, Financial Management Department

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Agenda and Overview

1. Early Community Engagement Process
2. Early Community Engagement Feedback
3. Opportunities to Engage on the Proposed FY 27 Budget
4. Communication Resources
5. Questions



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Early Community Engagement: January and February 2026

- City staff conducted early community engagement activities in January and February 2026, prior to the development of any budget proposals.
- Five In-Person and One Virtual Community Meeting

Thursday, January 22 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, January 24 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Wednesday, January 28 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, January 29 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Monday, February 2 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, February 5 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Ernest McBride Community Center - 1550 Martin Luther King Jr Ave	Silverado Park Community Center - 1545 W 31 St	Recreation Park Community Center - 4900 E. 7th St	Virtual: Zoom Webinar	Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park - 6301 Myrtle Ave	Billie Jean King Main Library - 200 W. Broadway

- Community members engaged in group conversations with staff about programs and services that are most essential in supporting their well-being and quality of life.
- Additional feedback collected via the FY 27 Budget Priority Survey
  - Opened – December 15, 2025, Closed - February 6, 2026





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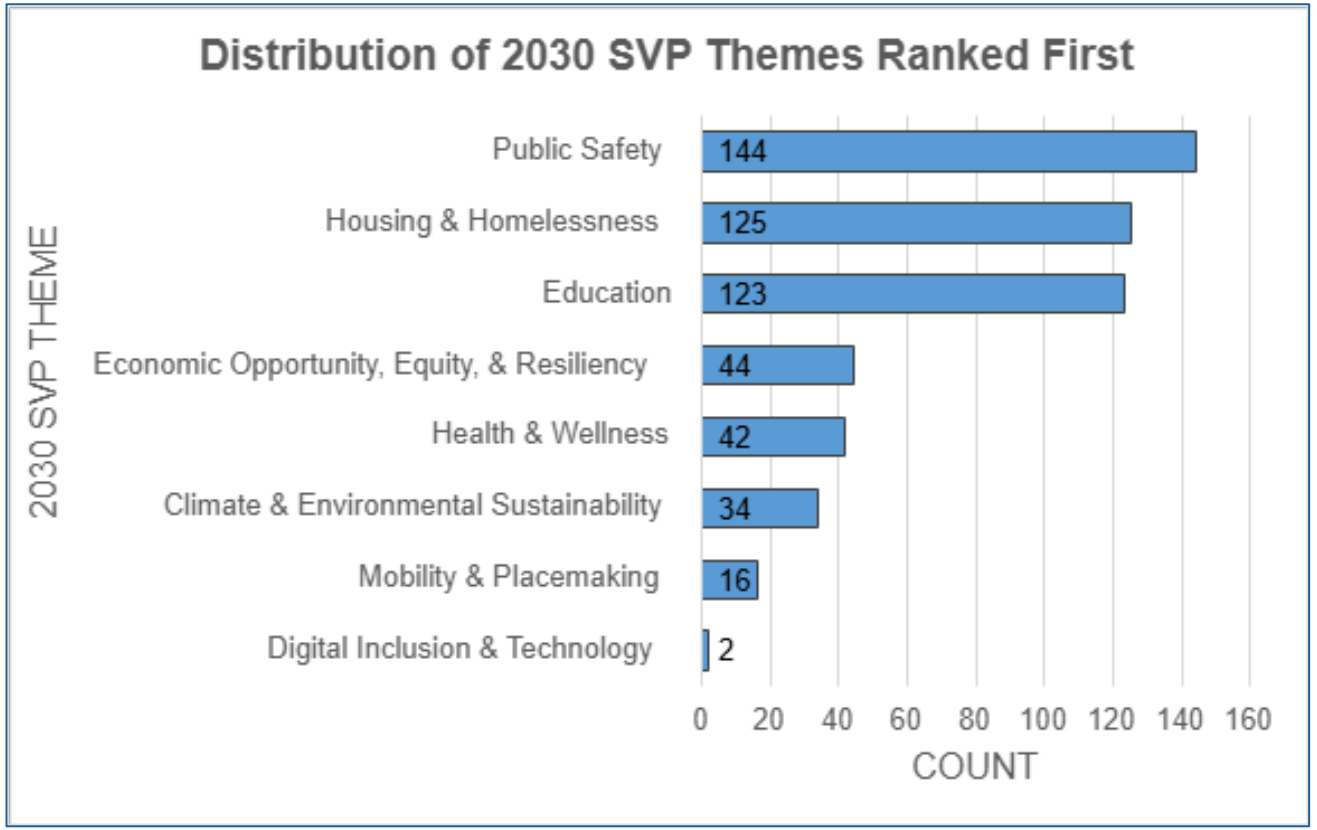
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Strategic Vision 2030: Eight Key Service Areas

- Education
- Economic Opportunity, Equity, & Resiliency
- Digital Inclusion & Technology
- Housing & Homelessness
- Mobility & Placemaking
- Public Safety
- Health & Wellness
- Climate & Environmental Sustainability

Early Community Engagement Feedback: Budget Survey

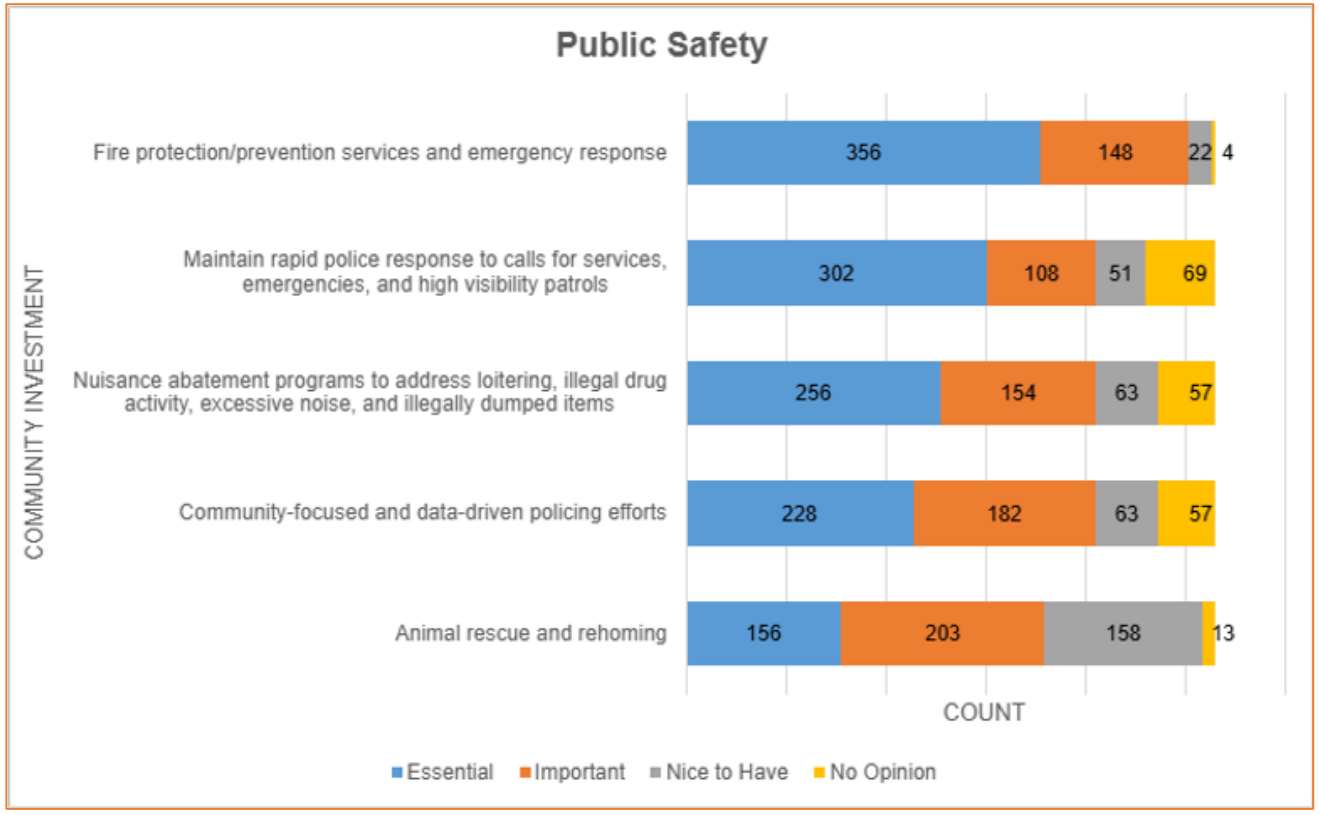
The Budget Priority Survey asked respondents to rank the eight Strategic Vision 2030 Themes in order of importance, from 1st (most important) to 8th (least important). ***Public Safety*** received the greatest share of 1st place ranking with 144 respondents ranking this theme as most important, followed by ***Housing & Homelessness*** with 125 respondents selecting it as most important and ***Education*** with 123 respondents indicating it as most important.



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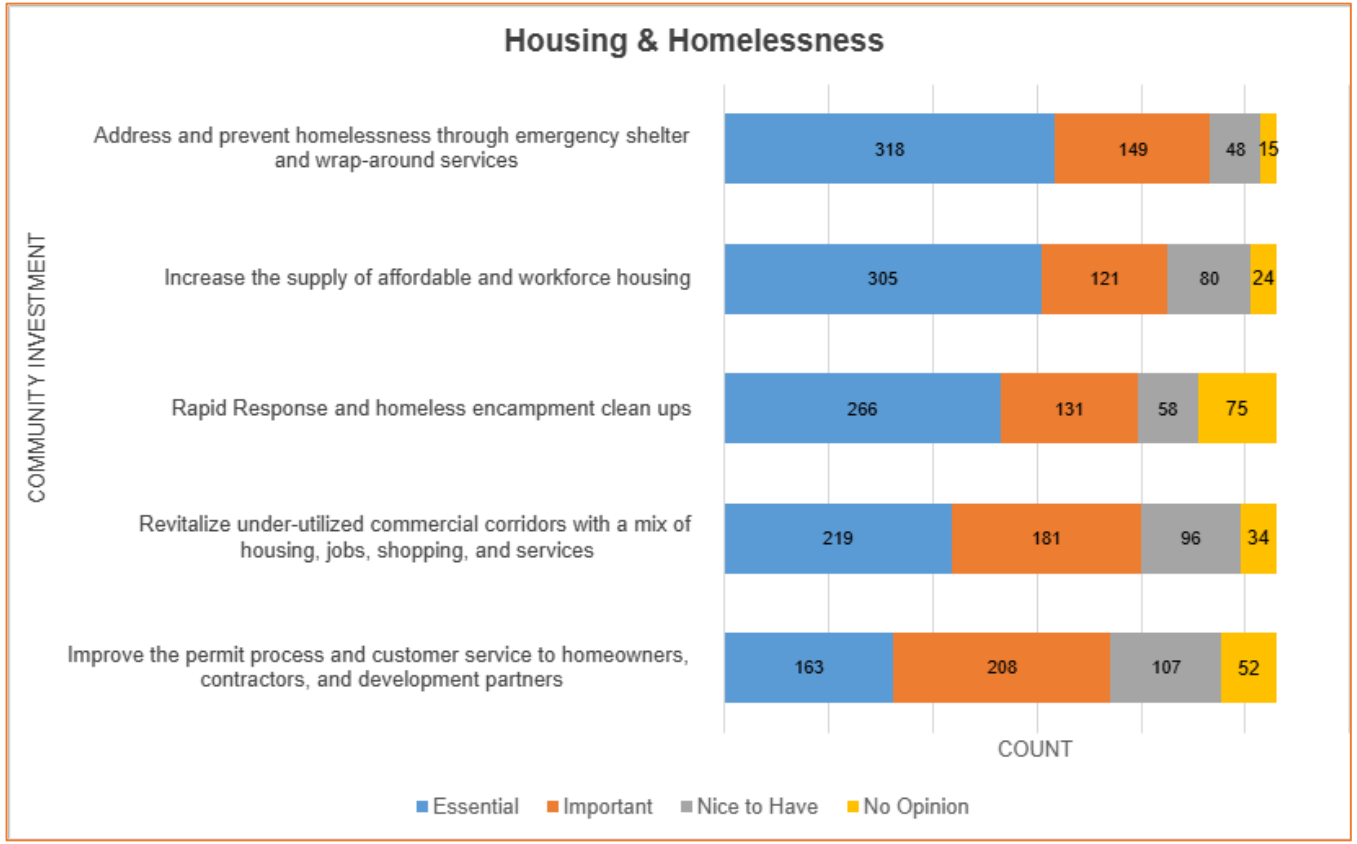
Early Community Engagement Feedback: Budget Survey



Public Safety

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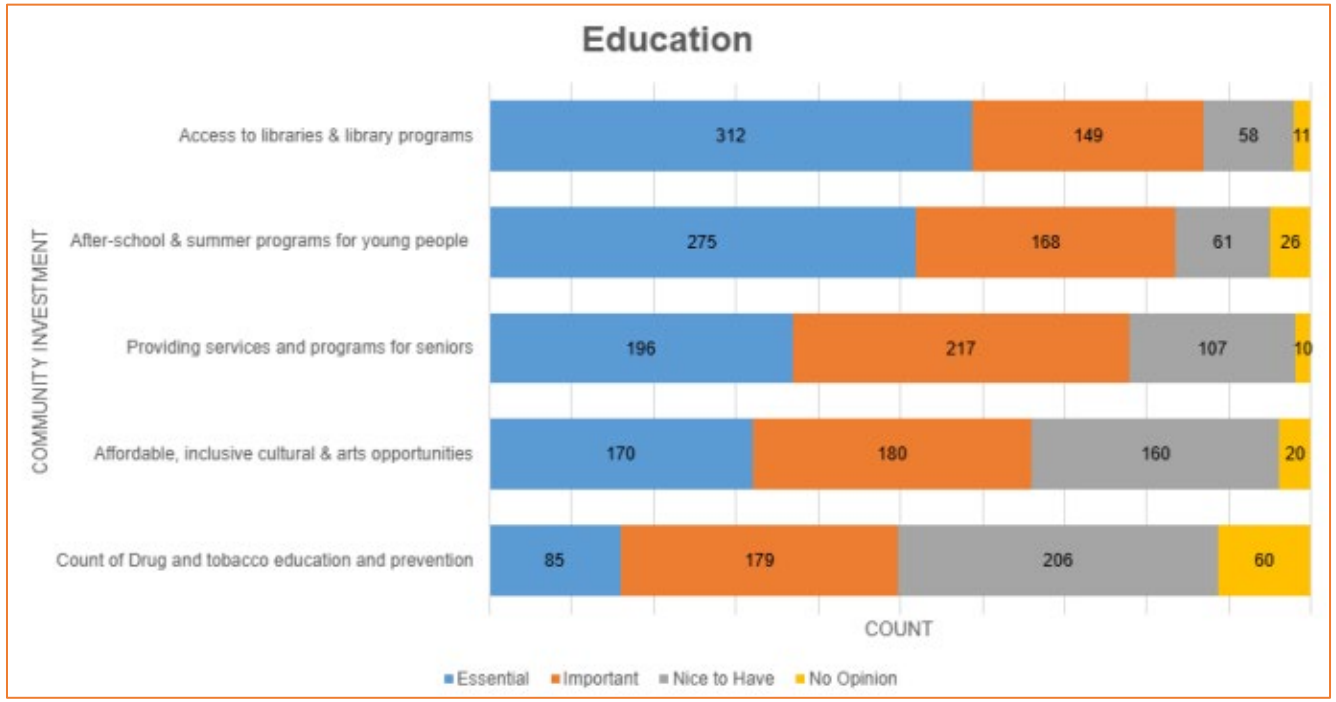
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Community Engagement Activities

Restructured Community Meeting format to gather more informed feedback from community members on community investments that are most and least essential to them.

Q1 "Which programs or services are most essential in supporting your well-being and quality of life?"

Q2 "Which programs or services contribute the least to your well-being and quality of life that you could do away with?"

Early Community Engagement Feedback: Community Meetings

Most Essential:

Green Space Development (78)

Affordable Housing (64)

Homelessness Solutions (61)

Youth Services Enhancement (61)

Support for Non-Profits (36)

Least Essential:

Public Safety Alternatives & Police Funding (32)

Community Services Evaluation (18)

Economic Development Critique (14)

Infrastructure Maintenance Priorities (9)

Environmental Impact Issues (9)



Upcoming Opportunities to Engage on the Proposed FY 27 Budget

- Budget Hearings
- Budget Oversight Committee Meetings
- Community Budget Meetings
- Digital Comment Card
- Budget Simulation Tool
- Online And Other Resources



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Budget Hearings

- **August 4, 2026**: Proposed FY 27 Budget, Human Resources
- **August 11, 2026**: Police, Fire, Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Communications
- **August 18, 2026**: Health & Human Services, Community Development
- **August 25, 2026**: Parks, Recreation and Marine, Library, Arts and Culture
- **September 1, 2026**: Publics Works, Proposed Capital Improvement Plan
- **September 8, 2026**: Budget Adoption



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Budget Oversight Committee Meetings

Today

- July 28, 2026

Upcoming

- August 4, 2026
- August 11, 2026
- August 17, 2026 (Public Comment Only)
- August 18, 2026
- August 25, 2026
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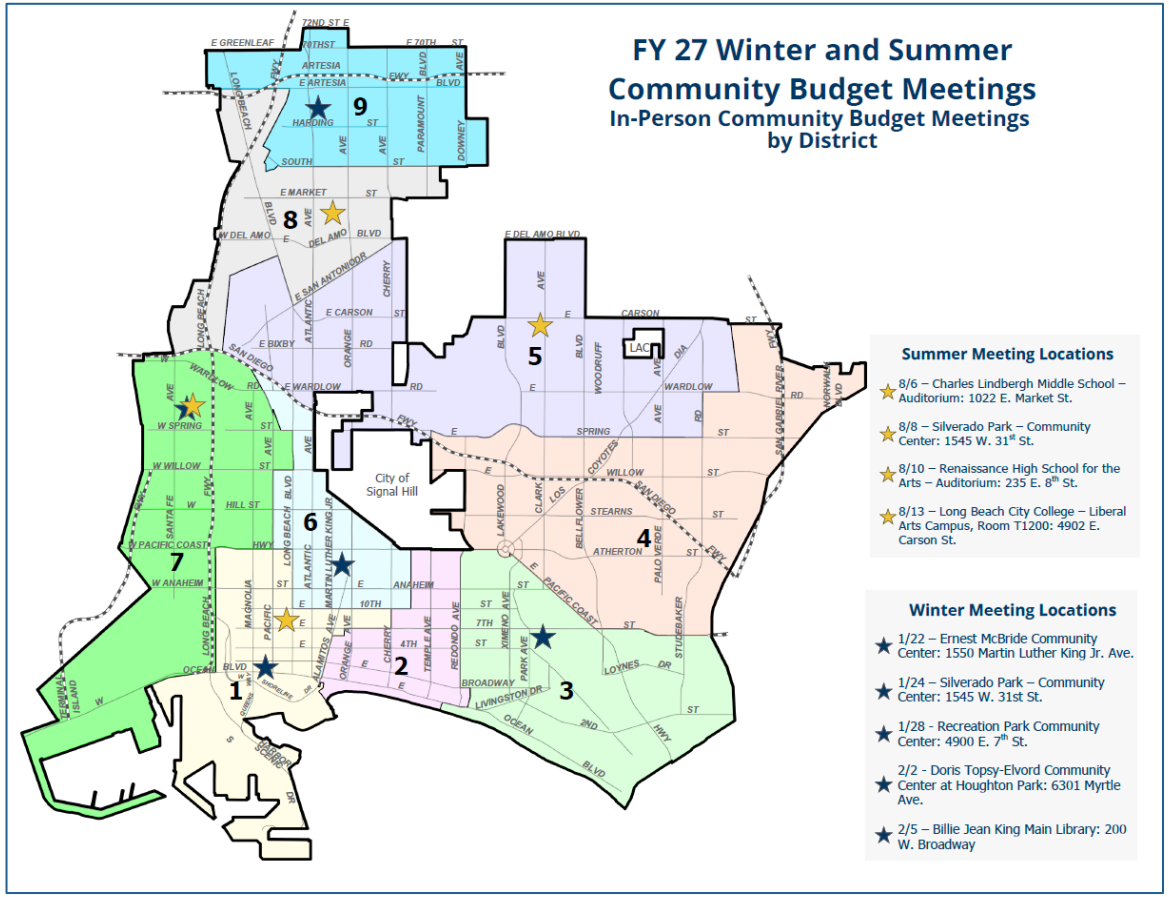
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Upcoming Citywide Community Budget Meetings

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, August 6, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, August 8, 2026 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Monday, August 10, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, August 13, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Virtual: Zoom Webinar	Charles Lindbergh Middle School - Auditorium 1022 E. Market St. Long Beach, CA 90805	Silverado Park – Community Center 1545 W. 31st St., Long Beach, CA 90810	Renaissance High School for the Arts Auditorium 235 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90813	Long Beach City College - Liberal Arts Campus, Room T1200 4902 E. Carson St., Long Beach, CA 90808

To view additional meeting details or to RSVP, please visit: www.longbeach.gov/FY27



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Communication Tools – Print and Digital



Join the City of Long Beach Budget Conversation

Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget

The City of Long Beach is underway with the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 27) Budget Adoption process.

We want you to join the conversation at one of the upcoming community meetings.

Wednesday, August 5th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, August 6th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, August 8th 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Monday, August 10th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, August 13th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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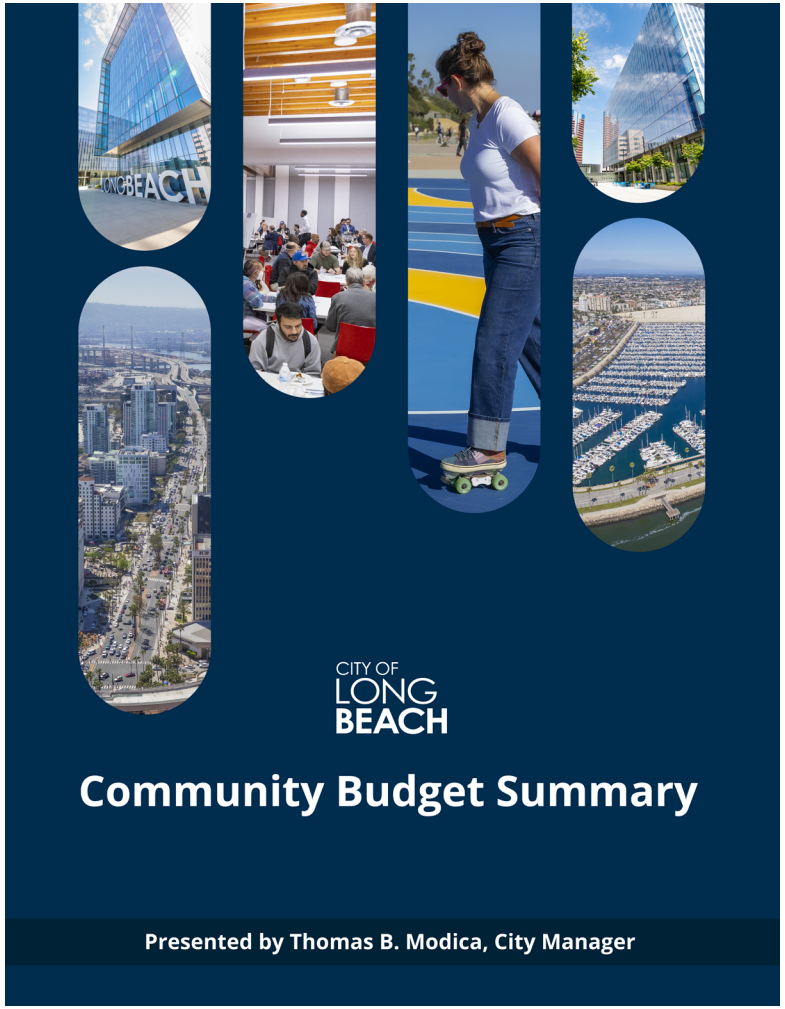
RSVP: longbeach.gov/FY27
Interpretation services will be provided.

Food will be provided!

For more information, visit: longbeach.gov/FY27

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Please call **562-570-6465** at least 72 hours in advance of each meeting to request reasonable ADA accommodations.



Translated versions available in Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog

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Communication Tools - Video

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Also available in Spanish

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Communication Tools – Budget Book in Depth

Sections of the full proposed FY 27 Budget Book including:

- City Manager Budget Message
- Understanding the City's Budget
- Budget by Department
- Fund Summaries
- Appendices
- Capital Improvement Program Budget



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Q&A

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