# Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget

Preserving Services and Preparing for the Future













### Through Fiscal Discipline...

# Mayor and City Council have steered Long Beach through the "Great Recession"

- Made difficult cuts and balanced past budgets
- Cut \$134 million and 714 positions over last 8 years
- Invested in maintenance, efficiency and effectiveness
- Established and followed financial policies
- Used FY 14 temporary surplus to reduce or eliminate deficits in the future



### Through Fiscal Discipline...

#### Pensions Addressed

- Pension Reform, in conjunction with employees, saving almost \$250 million over 10 years
- CalPERS Board actions ensure plan funded over 30 years
- Creation of CalPERS Stabilization Fund helps protect against service reductions due to fluctuating CalPERS investment earnings



## Operational & Efficiency Improvements

- Reduced General Fund management by 28%
- Eliminated hundreds of vehicles from City fleet
- Consolidated clerical staffing
- Streamlined permit fees and consolidated inspection services
- Eliminated two departments
- Implementing more efficient ambulance service



## Operational & Efficiency Improvements

- Implemented LBCOP to leverage technology to fight crime
- Reduced skill and standby pays
- Implementing new systems
  - parking citation system to improve collection rates
  - business license system
  - utility billing system
  - financial and HR systems



### FY 14 Accomplishments

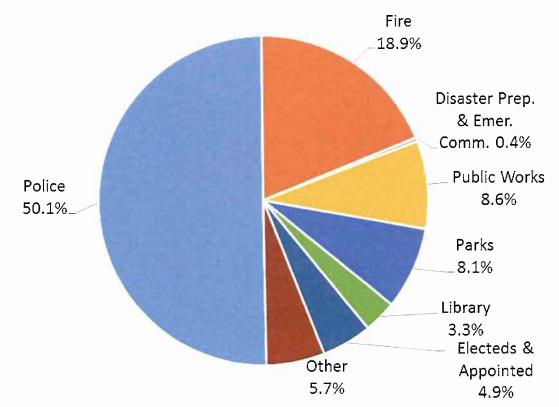
- 41-year low for violent crimes
- Major building projects completed or underway including:
  - Molina Healthcare
  - Mercedes Benz
  - Douglas Park

- Middle Harbor
- Numerous Restaurants
- Pike Retail
- Awards for Downtown Plan and Mobility Element
- Gold Medal award for Parks, Recreation and Marine Department
- New temporary Belmont Pool installed with a 10-month period
- New billboard ordinance to reduce blight in the community
- "A" and "B" grades for water quality



## FY 15 Budget: Preserving Services

- Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Libraries and all other major services are preserved in proposed budget
- Use of Proportionate Share keeps budget aligned with Council priorities and incentivizes departments to be efficient





#### Preserving Services

#### Focus on Public Safety

- 70% of the General Fund budget devoted to Public Safety
- Police and Fire academies are funded
- Adds 2 police officers for LB Transit and 9 firefighters in the Port
- Includes \$2.2 million in enhanced overtime for gang prevention and other efforts
- Invests in Police technology and new East Police Station
- Uses GEMT state revenues for 4\* new engines/pumpers

<sup>\*</sup>Proposed FY 2015 Budget includes 5 Engines/Pumpers; however, anticipated funds were effectively redirected to sidewalks per City Council action on 7/1/14. The FY 15 Appropriation Ordinance will be corrected to reflect this action by City Council.



#### Preserving Services

#### **Funds our Prior Year Commitments**

- \$287,000 for park maintenance for new and expanded parks (e.g. Chittick)
- \$109,000 (.74 FTE General Fund portion) for a position to oversee:
  - Language Access Plan,
  - Violence Prevention Plan,
  - LBGRIP, and
  - Human Dignity Program
- \$49,000 (0.5 FTE General Fund portion) for a position to improve homeless services



#### Investments in Efficiency Improvements

- \$2.45 million for park irrigation upgrades and water needs
- \$1.37 million for artificial turf conversion
- \$800,000 to purchase and install smart parking meters
- \$1.3 million in State Air Quality funds for fuel efficient vehicles and anti-idling technology



#### Enhanced Focus on Critical Infrastructure

- \$1 million for streets, supplements \$4.9 million Residential Street Program in the Capital Budget
- \$1 million for sidewalks, supplements \$3.0 million Sidewalk Program in the Capital Budget
- \$2.1 million to fund the North Library
- \$400,000 for other critical equipment



#### Efficiencies/Reorganizations

- Police reorganization adds 18 sworn police officers to front line police services
- Development Services restructuring permit counter for improved customer service
- Public Works reviewing project management and organization structure to improve project output and workflow
- Health is increasing grant funded positions to maximize state and federal grants
- Parks, Recreation & Marine reorganizing the Animal Care Bureau for efficiency and oversight



#### **Funds Our Future Commitments**

- 5% of non-recurring revenue to fund unfunded liabilities
- Transfer of \$3.1 million temporary surplus to CalPERS Stabilization Fund

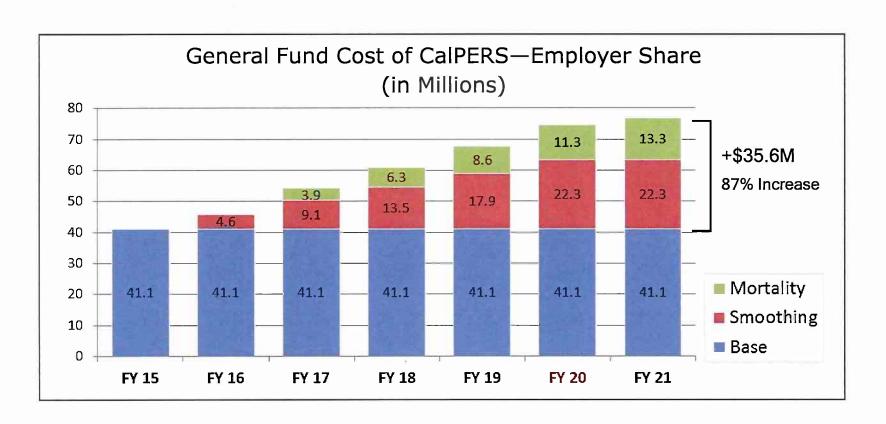


# City Revenues are Not Sufficient to Sustain Service Increases

- FY 15 and FY 16 are transition years
- Expenses have been and are likely to continue to outpace revenues for foreseeable future
  - Revenues, excluding one-time events, have declined over the last five years – there has been negative basic growth
  - Key personnel expense categories have increased on average between 1% and 7% over last five years



#### CalPERS Rate Increases: \$35.6 million per year





#### **Other Challenges**

- Expiring employee agreements
- Employee benefit costs outpace inflation
- Unfunded liabilities

Unfunded Liabilitie (In millions of \$)	
CalPERS Pension	943
Sick Leave	119
Retiree Health Subsidy	220
Workers' Compensation	111
Total	1,393



- Facing deficit of \$2.5 million in FY 16 and \$8.5 million in FY 17
- Proposed Budget applies the \$3.1 million FY 15 temporary surplus to help solve the FY 16 and FY 17 deficits

In Millions	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Projected	FY 17 Projected	Cumulative
Proposed Budget	\$0.0*	\$0.0*	(\$7.9 M)	(\$7.9 M)
Spend Temporary Surplus	\$0.0	(\$2.5 M)	(\$8.5 M)	(\$11.0 M)

<sup>\*</sup> Includes FY 15 \$3.1 million and FY 16 \$0.6 million transfer to CalPERS Stabilization Fund



#### A Plan for Success

- Maintains current services through proportionate share
- There are no new services without offsetting reductions
- Police and Fire academies provide for new police officers and fire fighters
- The budget continues to develop efficiencies and explore cost reductions and ways to maximize existing revenues for the future
- One-time expenditures focus on reducing operating costs
- Adds to CalPERS Stabilization Fund and carries over temporary surplus to address future deficits
- Additional funding for unfunded liabilities per 5% Council policy



### FY 15 Budget Highlights

- Maintains strong city services for a diverse and vibrant community
- Continues investment in City infrastructure
- Maintains fiscal discipline
- Continues to develop efficiencies and explore cost reductions
- Continues to maximize existing revenues and find new revenues
- Maintains Long Beach's financial health



#### FY 15 Budget Timeline

#### Through Today

	March 11	Budget Outlook Co	ouncil Presentation
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•	March 12	Instructions to	Departments
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July 3 Submittal of Proposed Budget to Mayor

July 9 Mayor Foster Submits Proposed Budget to

City Council

July 22 Mayor Garcia Submits Recommendations

City Manager Presents Proposed Budget

**Proposed Capital Budget Presentation** 



#### FY 15 Budget Timeline

#### Upcoming

•	August	Community	y Budget Meetings	
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August Budget Oversight Committee Meetings

August 5 Budget Meeting - Public Safety Related: Code

Enforcement; Parks, Recreation and Marine; and

Library

August 12 Budget Meeting – Public Safety: Police and Fire

August 19 Budget Meeting – Public Works, Harbor, and Water

September 2 Budget Hearing and 1<sup>st</sup> adoption date

September 9 Budget Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> adoption date

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