

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: DEBORAH LAUCHNER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FISCAL YEAR 2016-17  
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) adopt the Article XIII B appropriation limit for the City of Santa Rosa at \$238,817,000 for Fiscal Year 2016-17; and (2) approve the use of the inflation and population factors used in the calculation of the limit for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to establish the Fiscal Year 2016-17 appropriation limit for the City of Santa Rosa, an annual requirement under the provisions of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

BACKGROUND

Article XIII B of the California Constitution and related implementing legislation provide for an annual "appropriations limit" for each entity of local government and require the governing body of each local jurisdiction to establish its appropriation limit by resolution each year.

The appropriations limit does not apply to the entire City budget but only to the appropriation of "proceeds of taxes" in the City's "general government" type funds.

From Fiscal Year 1980-81 to Fiscal Year 1989-90, each year's appropriation limit was based on the previous year's limit, multiplied by the percentage change in population and the percentage change in the United States Consumer Price Index or the change in California per capita income, whichever was less.

Proposition 111, which was approved by the voters June 1990, amended the factors used in the calculation of each year's appropriations limit. The factors to be used now are:

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1. Price Factor - At the City's option, either the change in California per capita income or increase in non-residential assessed valuation due to new construction.
2. Population Factor - At the City's option, either the annual change in City or County population.

Each year after the appropriation limit is adopted by the Council, the calculation is reviewed by the City's auditor and an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report or Audit is completed that confirms the City's calculations were accurate.

### PRIOR COUNCIL REVIEW

Since inception, the City has been under the Appropriations Limit and Council has accepted the item.

### ANALYSIS

Annually, the State of California, Department of Finance provides inflation and population factors to be used in the calculation of the appropriations limit.

The factors used in calculation of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 limit are as follows:

1. Price Factor (percentage change in California per capita personal income): 1.0537.
2. Population Factor (percentage change in Santa Rosa population): 1.0068.

The calculated appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is \$238,817,000 (Fiscal Year 2015-16 limit multiplied by price and population factors converted to ratios). The appropriations that will be subject to the limit total are projected to be \$125,588,000, which is approximately \$113,229,000 less than the calculated appropriation limit. The City of Santa Rosa is not at risk of exceeding the limit.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from adopting the appropriation limit.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Article XIII B Appropriations Limit Calculation and Appropriations Subject to Limitation, FY 2016-17
- Resolution

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