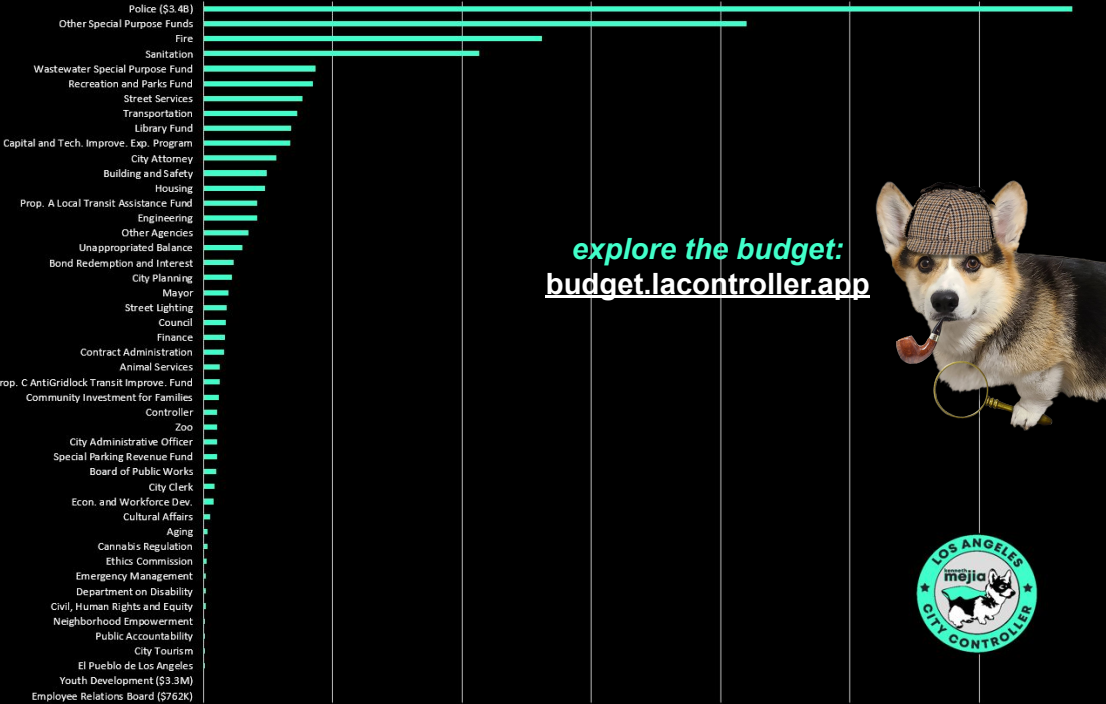


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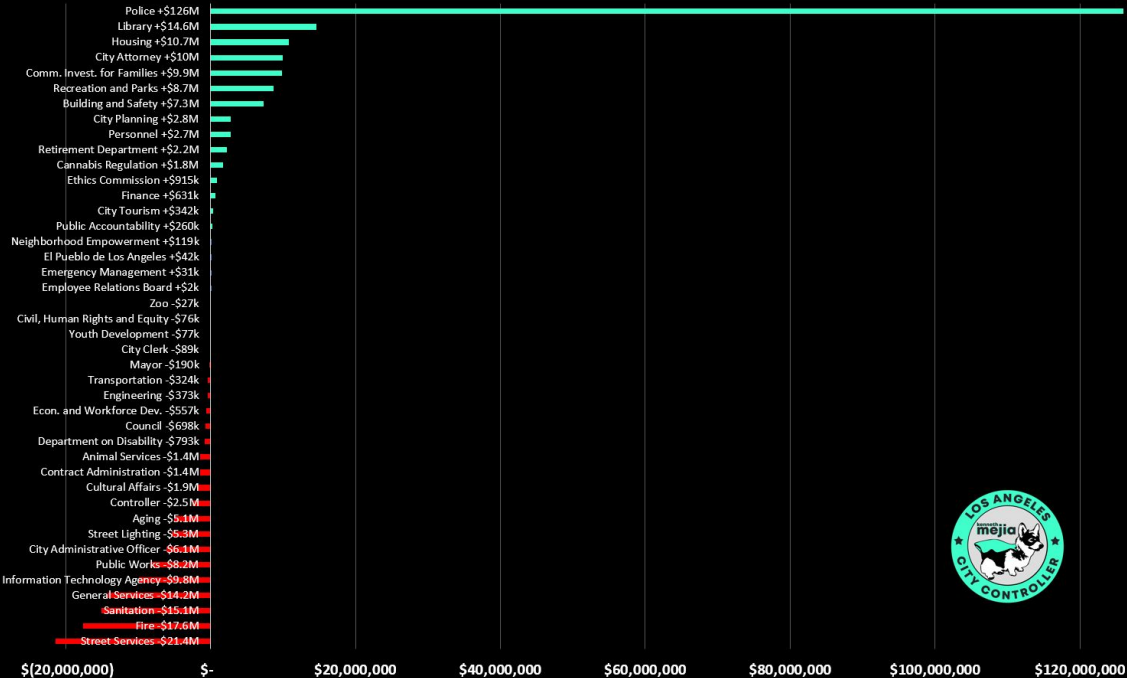
CITY OF LOS ANGELES (FY2024-25) ADOPTED BUDGET: \$12,897,408,329



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City of LA FY2024-25 Department Operational Budget Increases / Decreases



FY2024 Financial Status

- **General Fund revenues short \$222.1 million compared to adopted budget**
- **Significant spending over adopted budget:**
 - Liability Claims over by \$153 million
 - Largest shares include the Police by \$75.1 million and Miscellaneous by \$71.6 million
 - Police over by \$127 million
 - General Services over by \$105 million
- **Reserve Fund balance depleted to \$330.6 million (\$317.7 million less than the year before)**
 - 18 months ago, we had record reserves
- **LINK: <https://controller.lacity.gov/reports/pafr24>**

**HOW THE
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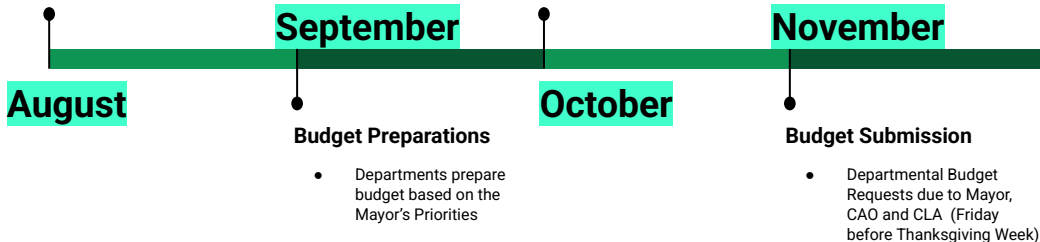
Budget Timeline – Preparation and Submission

Prep and Kick off

- Mayor's Budget Letter (Mid August to September)
- CAO Budget Preparations Instructions Memo (Usually at the same time as the Mayor's Budget Letter)

Budget Finalization

- Mayor's Office and CAO meet with select departments to discuss priorities and proposals



Budget Timeline – Deliberations and Approval

CAO Analysis and Recommendations

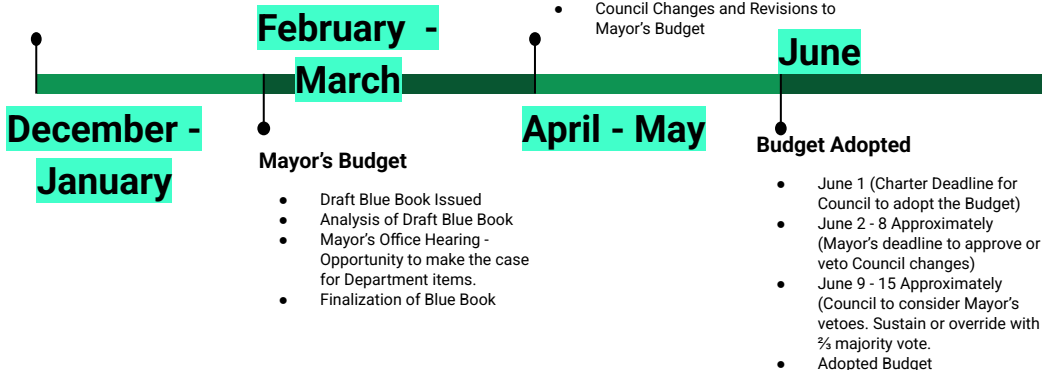
- Provide CAO with clarifications, additional supporting information as needed

Controller's Revenue Estimate

- Due on March 1 per Charter requirement

Budget Deliberations

- Mayor's Budget (Blue Book) submitted to Council (by April 20)
- Committee Instructions
- Preparations for Budget and Finance Hearings
- Budget and Finance Hearings
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- Responses to Committee and Council Questions
- Council Changes and Revisions to Mayor's Budget



Who decides the budget?

The Mayor proposes the budget.

- She will release her proposed budget on **4/20**

City Council reviews, amends, and passes the budget.

- City Council's Budget & Finance Committee holds public hearings on the budget, **April-May**
- The full City Council must vote to approve or modify the budget by **June 1**

BUDGET REFORM

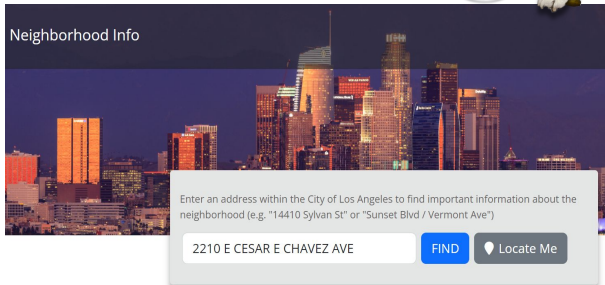
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PUBLIC INPUT

- Engage with elected officials including the Mayor and the Budget & Finance Committee Councilmembers early
- Engage with department leaders at commission and committee meetings

Contact your City Councilmember

- Find out who your Councilmember is: neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org
- Visit your Councilmember's website
- Contact them!



LAFD FY24-25 Budget Summary

- **January 2024: Chief Crowley submits an Operating Budget request of \$914,975,620 (\$77,784,388 more than prior year)**
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LAFD FY24-25 Budget Timeline



November 2023:

- **Chief Crowley submitted her Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to the Mayor's Office**

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May 2024:

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- Out of 108 positions submitted: 6 were approved, 13 were denied, 5 were rescinded, and 84 under review

May 23, 2024:

- City Council (12-3) approved the Mayor's proposed budget with some adjustments
- LAFD's final adopted budget has a reduction of \$17.6 million to their Operating Budget (instead of the Mayor's proposed \$23 million decrease) and gets 61 positions eliminated (instead of the original proposed 71)

August 2024:

- LAFD has requested approval to hire a total of 128 positions since Feb 2024 (43 approved, 62 denied, 22 rescinded, and 1 under review).

August

May

May 7-8, 2024:

- LAFD sent budget memos requesting to restore proposed deleted positions, including repair & maintenance positions, accountants, & more, and requesting OT for their maintenance & fleet services section due to short-staffing

June-July

July 1, 2024:

- FY2024-25 budget takes effect
- LAFD starts the fiscal year with \$17.6 million less in their Operating Budget and 61 fewer positions (including 20 related to repairing & maintaining their fleet of vehicles)

Most of the 62 denied include positions eliminated from July's budget cuts, including fleet and maintenance positions, accountants, and more)

LAFD FY24-25 Budget Timeline

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September

October - November

December

September 17, 2024:

- Chief Crowley sent an Interim Budget Request to City Council & the Mayor to restore HR/accounting positions that were part of the 61 deleted positions

October 22, 2024:

- Chief Crowley reported to the Board of Commissioners that there has not been any update or hearing scheduled for their interim budget requests in City Council Committees

- To present day, LAFD is still suffering from short-staffing in their fleet & maintenance sections and in other critical areas, like accounting, payroll, HR, and more.

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



December 17, 2024

KRISTIN M. CROWLEY
FIRE CHIEF

APPROVED: 12/17/2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
BY: *Rene Ramirez*
COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

December 4, 2024

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 24-117

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE IMPACTS ON OPERATIONS

FINAL ACTION: Approved Approved w/Corrections Withdrawn
 Denied Received & Filed Other

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) is facing unprecedented operational challenges due to the elimination of critical civilian positions and a \$7 million reduction in Overtime Variable Staffing Hours (V-Hours). These budgetary reductions have adversely affected the Department's ability to maintain core operations, such as technology and communication infrastructure, payroll processing, training, fire prevention, and community education.

In addition to these impacts, the reduction in v-hours has severely limited the Department's capacity to prepare for, train for, and respond to large-scale emergencies, including wildfires, earthquakes, hazardous material incidents, and large public events. Specialized programs and resources, such as Air Operations, Tactical EMS Units, Disaster Response, and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), which rely heavily on v-hours, are now at risk of reduced effectiveness.

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https://ens.lacity.org/lafd/lafdreportarchv/lafdlafdreport1864175451_11012023.pdf
- **Jan 2024 LAFD Final Proposed Budget Request:**
https://ens.lacity.org/lafd/lafdreportarchv/lafdlafdreport1864176860_01092024.pdf
- **Jan 2024: City's hiring freeze begins:**
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0275_rpt_cao_3-06-24.pdf
- **Feb 2024: LAFD requests to hire 51 civilian positions:**
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0275_rpt_cao_3-06-24.pdf
- **Mar 2024: LAFD requests an additional 51 positions to hire (102 total) - so far 2 are approved, 4 denied, 96 pending review:**
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0275_rpt_cao_4-04-24.pdf

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- **Apr 2024: LAFD requests an additional 3 positions to hire (105 total) – so far 4 are approved, 13 denied, 5 rescinded, 83 pending review:**
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0275_rpt_cao_5-06-24.pdf
- **April 22, 2024 Mayor releases her proposed budget which decreases LAFD's Operating Budget by \$23 million & eliminates 71 positions:**
<https://cao.lacity.gov/budget24-25/2024-25BlueBookVoll.pdf>
- **April 23, 2024: Chief Crowley requests to restore proposed deleted positions including their fleet maintenance positions:**
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0600_misc_LAFD_1_4-23-24.pdf
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- **May 7 & 8, 2024: Chief Crowley & LAFD submit multiple budget memos/requests to restore proposed deleted positions including fleet maintenance positions, accountants, and more OT for their fleet maintenance section:**
https://ens.lacity.org/cao/cao_budget_memo/caocao_budget_memo2925179977_05072024.pdf
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https://ens.lacity.org/cao/cao_budget_memo/caocao_budget_memo2925179960_05072024.pdf
- **July 1, 2024: Fiscal year 2024/25 begins, LAFD ends up getting \$17.6 million less in their Adopted Operating Budget & 61 positions eliminated:**
<https://cao.lacity.gov/budget24-25/2024-25%20White%20Book%20-%20Volume%201.pdf>
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