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[California Constitution Appropriations Limit FY2010-2011]

Resolution establishing the appropriations limit for FY2010-2011 pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B.

WHEREAS, Article XIII B of the California Constitution provides that the annual appropriations of the City and County of San Francisco which are subject to said Article may not exceed the Appropriations Limit for the prior year, with adjustments as provided in said Article XIII B; and

WHEREAS, The California Government Code, Section 7901, defines the terms, and Section 7902 (b) sets forth the equations to be used to determine the City and County of San Francisco's annual Appropriations Limit, according to the following formula:

"(b) For the 1981-82 fiscal year and each year thereafter, the appropriations limit of the state and each local jurisdiction shall equal the appropriations limit for the prior fiscal year multiplied by the lesser of the change in cost of living for the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins or the change in California per capita personal income for the calendar year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the appropriations limit is to be determined, the product multiplied by the change in population of the local jurisdiction for the calendar year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the appropriations limit is to be determined, and adjusted for other changes required or permitted by Article XIII B of the California Constitution."; and

WHEREAS, the resulting calculation establishing the City and County of San Francisco's fiscal year 2010-11 Appropriations Limit is:

\$2,396,755,118 X 1.0072 X 1.0114 = \$2,441,531,489; and

WHEREAS, for future Appropriations Limit calculations pursuant to said Article, the City will use the gross appropriations limit of \$2,441,531,489; and

WHEREAS, This matter has been considered at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The documentation used to determine the Appropriations Limit for the City and County of San Francisco for fiscal year 2010-11 was available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for at least fifteen (15) days prior to said regularly scheduled meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco elects to use the percentage "change in the cost of living" as measured by the change in California per Capita Personal Income and elects to use the annual percent change in population as measured by the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area from the previous year for the purpose of computation of its Appropriations Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution for fiscal year 2010-11; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the net appropriations limit for fiscal year 2010-11 is established at \$2,441,531,489.

Recommended:

Ben Rosenfleld, Controller Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Files 10-1058, 10-1059, 10-1060, 10-1061, and 10-1063

Department:
Controller

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# Legislative Objectives

- Files 10-1058 through 10-1061: Ordinances providing revenue and levying Property Taxes in FY 2010-2011 for (a) the City and County of San Francisco, and including establishment of the pass-through rate for residential tenants pursuant to Chapter 37 of the City's Administrative Code (File 10-1058), (b) the San Francisco Community College District (File 10-1059), (c) the San Francisco Unified School District (File 10-1060), and (d) the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (File 10-1061).
- <u>File 10-1063</u>: Resolution establishing the City and County's Appropriations Limit for FY 2010-2011 pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

# **Key Points**

- The FY 2010-2011 proposed combined total Property Tax rate of \$1.164 is an increase of \$0.005 or 0.43 percent from the existing FY 2009-2010 Property Tax rate of \$1.159 primarily because of (a) increasing debt service for the City and County of San Francisco, (b) increasing debt service for the San Francisco Unified School District, and (c) an offsetting decrease in debt service for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District. The proposed ordinance (File 10-1058) would also establish the pass-through rate for residential tenants at \$0.048 per \$100 of assessed value, a \$0.010, or 26.3 percent increase from the existing FY 2009-2010 pass-through rate of \$0.038.
- The proposed FY 2010-2011 Property Tax rate would result in an increase in Property Taxes for the homeowner of a \$500,000 single family residence of \$11 as compared to FY 2009-2010, from \$5,714 to \$5,725, including the impact of (a) the increase in the Property Tax rate included in the proposed ordinances, (b) a cost of living adjustment in assessed values of a negative 0.237 percent, and (c) a homeowners exemption of \$7,000.
- The proposed resolution (File 10-1063) would establish the Appropriations Limit in FY 2010-2011 at \$2,441,531,489, pursuant to Article XIII B to the California Constitution. According to Article XIII B, the Appropriations Limit does not apply to any Property Tax proceeds appropriated due to (a) voter approved indebtedness, (b) federally mandated services, (c) qualified capital outlays, and (d) the hazardous waste program. The total tax proceeds subject to the FY 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit is \$2,075,329,244, or \$366,202,245 less than the proposed limit of \$2,441,531,489.

#### Recommendation

Approve the proposed ordinances and resolution.

# MANDATE STATEMENT

### **Property Tax Rate**

Section 2151 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code states the Board of Supervisors shall establish county and district tax rates. Section 37.3 (a)(6) of the City's Administrative Code (the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance) allows landlords to pass-through to tenants a portion of Property Taxes. The proposed ordinances (Files 10-1058 through 10-1061) would establish the Property Tax rates and pass-through rates for FY 2010-2011.

# **Appropriations Limit**

On November 6, 1979, California voters approved Proposition 4, known as the Gann Initiative, which added Article XIII B to the California Constitution. Article XIII B (later amended by State Proposition 111, as approved by the voters in June of 1990) limits the annual growth in appropriations from the proceeds of Property Taxes to the percentage change in the cost of living and the percentage change in population. According to Article XIII B, the Appropriations Limit does not apply to any Property Tax proceeds appropriated due to (a) voter approved indebtedness, (b) federally mandated services, (c) qualified capital outlays, and (d) the hazardous waste program. The proposed resolution (File 10-1063) would establish the Appropriations Limit in FY 2010-2011 at \$2,441,531,489.

# **DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

### **Property Tax Rate**

The proposed ordinances (Files 10-1058 through 10-1061) would establish the combined Property Tax rate for FY 2010-2011 at \$1.1640 per \$100 of assessed value. Such rates are apportioned to the "taxing entities" within the City and County of San Francisco that are allocated Property Tax revenues including (a) the City and County of San Francisco, (b) the San Francisco Community College District, (b) the San Francisco Unified School District, and (d) the Bay Area Rapid Transit. As shown in Table 1 below, the combined total FY 2010-2011 Property Tax rate, as calculated by the Controller, is \$1.164 per \$100 of assessed value.

Table 1: Proposed Property Tax Rates<sup>1</sup>

Jurisdiction	Base Property Tax Rate	Bonded Debt Tax Rate	Total Property Tax Rate	
City and County of San Francisco	\$0.9023	\$0.1121	\$1.0144	
San Francisco Community College	0.0144	0.0186	0.0330	
San Francisco Unified Schools	0.0770	0.0302	0.1072	
Bay Area Rapid Transit	0.0063	0.0031	0.0094	
Total	\$1.0000	\$0.1640	\$1.1640	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Property Tax rates shown in the proposed ordinances are the rates prior to the State-mandated shift of Property Tax Revenues from the City to the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

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The proposed Property Tax rate for the City and County of San Francisco, shown in Table 1 above, includes a 0.25 percent administrative allowance charged on the City's voter-approved General Obligation bonds to reimburse the City for the costs of Property Tax collection.

The proposed ordinance (File 10-1058) would also allow landlords to pass-through \$0.048 per \$100 of assessed value to tenants for a portion of the Property Taxes pursuant to Section 37.3 (a)(6) of the City's Administrative Code (the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance). The pass-through rate for FY 2009-2010 was \$0.038 per \$100 of assessed value.

# **Appropriations Limit**

The proposed resolution (File 10-1063) would establish the Appropriations Limit in FY 2010-2011 at \$2,441,531,489, as calculated by the Controller, pursuant to Article XIII B to the California Constitution, which limits the annual growth in appropriations from the proceeds of taxes to the percentage change in the cost of living and the percentage change in population. Table 2 below shows how the proposed FY 2010-2011 appropriations limit of \$2,441,531,489 was calculated.

**Table 2: Proposed Appropriations Limit** 

FY 2009-2010 Appropriations Limit	\$2,396,755,118		
Adjusted by:			
Increase in Cost of Living	0.72%		
Increase in Population	1.14%		
Proposed FY 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit	\$2,441,531,489*		

<sup>\*2,396,755,118</sup> x 1.0072 x 1.0114 equals \$2,441,531,489

### FISCAL IMPACTS

### **Property Tax Rate**

The FY 2010-2011 total combined proposed Property Tax rate of \$1.164, as calculated by the Controller, would increase by \$0.005 or 0.43 percent from the existing FY 20009-2010 Property Tax rate of \$1.159 primarily because of (a) increasing debt service for the City and County of San Francisco, (b) increasing debt service for the San Francisco Unified School District, and (c) an offsetting decrease in debt service for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

In accordance with Proposition 13, individual property assessments change only by a State authorized cost of living adjustment, unless the property is sold, transferred or improved. For FY 2010-2011, the State has authorized the maximum allowable cost of living adjustment of a negative 0.237 percent. In addition homeowners who live in their residences are eligible for a \$7,000 homeowners exemption, which reduces the assessed value for taxation purposes. Table 3

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below shows that, compared with the FY 2009-2010 Property Tax rate of \$1.159, the proposed FY 2010-2011 Property Tax rate of \$1.164 would result in an increase in Property Taxes of \$11.00 for a homeowner living in a single family residence assessed at \$500,000.

**Table 3: Impact on Property Tax Payments** 

Fiscal Year 2009-2010	
Assessed Value	\$500,000
Less Homeowners Exemption	-7,000
Total Taxable Assessed Value	493,000
Tax Rate per \$100 of assessed value	x 1.159
Property Taxes Payable	\$5,714
Fiscal Year 2010-2011	•
Assessed Value (FY 2008-2009)	\$500,000
Less: Cost of Living Decrease	$-1,185^2$
Less: Homeowners Exemption	-7,000
Total Taxable Assessed Value	491,815
Tax Rate per \$100 of assessed value	x 1.164
Property Taxes Payable	\$5,725
Increase In Property Taxes Payable In FY 2010-2011 As Compared To FY 2009-2010	\$11

# **Appropriations Limit**

As shown in Table 2 above, the proposed resolution (File 10-1063) would establish the Appropriations Limit in FY 2010-2011 at \$2,441,531,489, as calculated by the Controller, pursuant to Article XIII B to the California Constitution. According to Article XIII B, the Appropriations Limit does not apply to any Property Tax proceeds appropriated due to (a) voter approved indebtedness, (b) federally mandated services, (c) qualified capital outlays, and (d) the hazardous waste program. As shown in Table 4 below, the amount of Property Tax proceeds subject to the FY 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit, as calculated by the Controller, is \$2,075,329,244.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> State law provides different methods for the calculation of the cost of living adjustments for assessment purposes (which, for FY 2010-2011, represents a negative -0.237%).

# Table 4: Tax Proceeds Subject to the Proposed Appropriations Limit

-3,414,634
-5,181,741
-49,492,508
-196,348,478
\$2,329,766,605

As calculated by the Controller and shown in Table 4 above, the amount appropriated in the City's FY 2010-2011 budget that is subject to the Appropriations Limit is \$2,075,329,244, which is \$366,202,245 less than the proposed FY 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit of \$2,441,531,489, as shown in Table 2 above.

In accordance with the Administrative Provisions of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, any FY 2010-2011 tax proceeds in excess of current estimates will be appropriated to the City's General Fund General Reserve, which is used as a revenue source (a) to fund supplemental appropriations during the current fiscal year, and (b) to fund the City's budget for the next fiscal year.

# RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed ordinances and resolution.



Ben Rosenfield Controller Monique Zmuda Deputy Controller

August 3, 2010

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE:

Legislation to Establish the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2010-11,

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIIIB.

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Enclosed is the above referenced resolution to set the City and County's appropriation limit for fiscal year 2010-11, as required by Government Code Section 7910. The necessary supporting documentation prepared by the Controller's Office is also enclosed.

This information must be posted and available for public inspection for fifteen days prior to a public hearing. Our working papers are available upon request at Controller's Office, Room 316.

Please contact Leo Levenson at (415) 554-4809 if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ben Roserffield Controller

**Enclosures** 

1) California Spending Limit Resolution

2) Transmittal to Mayor and Board of Supervisors

3) Supporting Documents - Exhibits



Ben Rosenfield Controller Monique Zm Deputy Controller

August 3, 2010

Mayor Gavin Newsom
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Dear Mayor Newsom and Board Members:

In accordance with Article XIII B of the State Constitution, attached is the resolution establishing the City and County's annual appropriation limit for fiscal year 2010-11. We estimate City and County appropriations are approximately \$366.2 million below the statemendated appropriation limit.

#### Background

Article XIII B of the State Constitution provides that annual appropriations of the City and County of San Francisco, which are funded from "Proceeds of Taxes," may not exceed the City and County's appropriation limit. This limit is equal to the prior year's limit adjusted for changes in population and inflation.

Our computation of proceeds of taxes is in accordance with California Government Code Section 7900, and conforms to the "Proposition 4, Article XIII B, California Constitution, Procedural Guidelines" prepared by the County Accounting Standards and Procedures Committee of the State Controller's Office (See Exhibit A).

# Annual Appropriations Limit Adjustments

Each year the City and County of San Francisco adjusts its appropriation limit based upon two factors: population growth and inflation as determined by the California Government Code. Population growth is determined by using either the change in San Francisco City and County population or the change in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. According to the California Department of Finance, in calendar year 2008, the San Francisco City and County population growth was 1.12% versus 1.14% for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. Metropolitan area growth is used in the calculation.

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Inflation is determined by using either the change in California per capita personal income or the increase in the local assessment roll due to the addition of non-residential new construction. The calendar year 2009 change in per capita income was -2.54%, while the local assessment growth due to non-residential new construction was 0.72%. The growth due to non-residential new construction is used in the calculation (See Exhibit B).

# Adjustments to Proceeds of Taxes

There are a series of downward adjustments to proceeds of taxes allowed by Article XIII B. The following exclusions are factored into our calculation of Net Proceeds of Taxes:

- (1) \$196.3 million is excluded as voter-approved bonded indebtedness (Article XIIIB, Section 9(a));
- (2) \$49.5 million is excluded as the federal mandate for Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes (Article XIIIB, Section 9(b));
- (3) \$5.2 million is excluded under the determination of "qualified capital outlay" (Article XIIIB Section 9(e)); and,
- (4) \$3.4 million is excluded for the hazardous waste program (Governmental Code Section 7901(i)(2)).

# City and County Appropriations are well under the Limit

Our appropriation limit for FY 2010-11 is \$2,441,531,489. We estimate that our appropriations subject to limitation will be \$2,075,329,244. Thus, the Controller projects that the City and County will be \$366,202,245 below its limit in the current fiscal year.

It is the Controller's responsibility to monitor this appropriation limit each year for compliance. When the fiscal year in question has been audited, we will compare the actual appropriations to the budgeted appropriations and the actual mandate costs to the estimates. If the total adjusted appropriations funded from proceeds of taxes exceed the statutory limit, such excess must be returned to the taxpayers within two years.

Sincerely,

B<del>en Rosehfie</del>ld Controller

#### Attachments

cc: Greg Wagner, Mayor's Budget Office Dennis Herrerra, City Attorney Buck Delventhal, Deputy City Attorney Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board Harvey Rose, Budget Analyst

# California Constitution Article XIIIB Appropriation Limit Fiscal Year 2010-11 Final Budget Exhibit A - Appropriations Funded by Proceeds of Taxes Subject to Limit

Property Taxes	984,843,389			
	\$0~7,0~0,000	305,155,478	-	1.289,998,867
Business Taxes	342,350,000	900,000	-	343,250,000
Other Local Taxes	528,469,934	51,035,200	-	579,505,134
Interest (1)	6,747,113	782,294	-	7,529,407
Rents & Concessions (1)	15,804,929	23,032,268	-	38,837,197
Grants - State (2) (3) (4)	69,384,000	1,262,000	•	70,646,000
TOTAL PROCEEDS OF TAXES	\$1,947,599,365	\$382,167,240	\$0	\$2,329,766,605
LESS: Voted approved indebtedness funde (Article XIIIB Section 9(a) exclusion Federal Mandate for Social Security (Article XIIIB Section 9(b) exclusion  Qualified Capital Outlay (Article XIIIB Section 9(d) exclusion  Hazardous Waste (Government Code Section 7901(in	n) //Medicare n)	tax		(196,348,478) (49,492,508) (5,181,741) (3,414,635)
NET PROCEEDS OF TAXES				\$2,075,329,244
Adjusted Appropriations Limit 2010-11  Less: Estimated Appropriations from P.  FY 2010-11 Appropriations Under (Over	roceeds of Taxes			2,441,531,489 (2,075,329,244) \$366,202,245

(2) Excludes motor vehicle fuel and weight fees (Article XIIIB Section 9(e)).

(4) Excludes federal and state tobacco taxes (Article XIIIB Sections 13).

<sup>(1)</sup> Prorated allocation based upon breakdown of proceeds of tax to non-proceeds of tax.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes funds from California Children and Families First Act of 1998 (Article XIIIB Sections 12).

# California Constitution Article XIIIB Appropriation Limit Fiscal Year 2010-11 Final Budget Exhibit B - Calculation

Fiscal Year 20	09-10:			
Non-Res Const				0.72%
Population per	centage change -			
SF-Oakland-	-San Jose Consolidated MSA (1)			1.14%
Non-res Const	truction Growth converted to ratio	0.72 + 100	=	1.007200
		100		
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Population Chi	ange converted to ratio	1.14 + 100 100	. =	1.011400
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Calculation of	Appropriations Limit:			
_	2-1'- Ob	4.0070 4.04440		4.040000
i	Ratio Change	1.0072 x 1.01140	==	1.018682
·	Appropriations Limit FY 2009-10			\$2,396,755,118
	X Ratio Change	•		1.018682
_				
P	Appropriations Limit FY 2010-11	·		\$2,441,531,489

<sup>(1)</sup> Per Capita Personal Income and Population Percentage Changes provided by the California Department of Finance.

# California Constitution Article XIIIB Appropriation Limit Fiscal Year 2010-11 Final Budget Exhibit C - Annual Changes FY 1980-81 to FY 2010-11

Base Year Limit 421,812,990						
Less: Base Year Voter-Approved Indebtedness funded from Proceeds of Taxes						(11,347,967)
	Franchise Fees	in Base Year		•	******	(1,405,000)
Revised Base Year Limit						409,060,023
		•				ē.
Sched	ule of Annual Cha	anges:				
00,100	1980-81:	Base Year	x	1.261700	=	\$516,111,031
	1981-82	516,111,031	х	1.103200	22	569,373,689
	1982-83	569,373,689	x	1.080800	==	615,379,083
	1983-84	615,379,083	x	1.040300	· ==	640,178,860
	1984-85	640,178,860	x	1.061900	=	679,805,931
	1985-86	679,805,931	x	1.055300	=	717,399,199
	1986-87	717,399,199	х	1.058500	=	759,367,052
	1987-88	759,367,052	X	1.047430	<u></u>	795,383,831
	1988-89	795,383,831	x	1.062090	***	844,769,213
	1989-90	844,769,213	x	1.068520	<b>=</b>	902,652,799
	1990-91	902,652,799	x	1.060650	****	957,398,691
	1991-92	957,398,691	x	1.060350		1,015,177,702
	1992-93	1,015,177,702	х	1.010590	=	1,025,928,434
	1993-94	1,025,928,434	x	1.044560	-	1,071,643,477
	1994-95	1,071,643,477	x	1.018782		1,091,771,470
	1995-96	1,091,771,470	x	1.061651	<b>=</b>	1,159,080,666
	1996-97	1,159,080,666	x	1.051410	21	1,218,669,177
	1997-98	1,218,669,177	X	1.076426	<u></u>	1,311,807,188
	1998-99	1,311,807,188	x	1.062538	<b>≕</b>	1,393,845,379
	1999-2000	1,393,845,379	x	1.060248		1,477,821,483
	2000-01	1,477,821,483	x	1.062319	***	1,569,917,337
	2001-02	1,569,917,337	x	1.093726	=	1,717,059,535
	2002-03	1,717,059,535	x	1.020090		1,751,554,849
	2003-04	1,751,554,849	x	1.031899	=	1,807,427,102
	2004-05	1,807,427,102	x	1.041062	=	1,881,644,397
	2005-06	1,881,644,397	x	1.061968	=	1,998,246,400
	2006-07	1,998,246,400	x	1.048541	***	2,095,242,399
	2007-08	2,095,242,399	x	1.056313	<u></u>	2,213,231,198
	2008-09	2,213,231,198	x	1.058648	<u></u> -	2,343,032,316
	,2009-10	2,343,032,316	x	1.022929	· <b>=</b>	2,396,755,118
	2010-11	2,396,755,118	x	1.018682	=	2,441,531,489
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