

FY 2024-25

Propposed Budget



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Budget Overview



Budget Overview

FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget

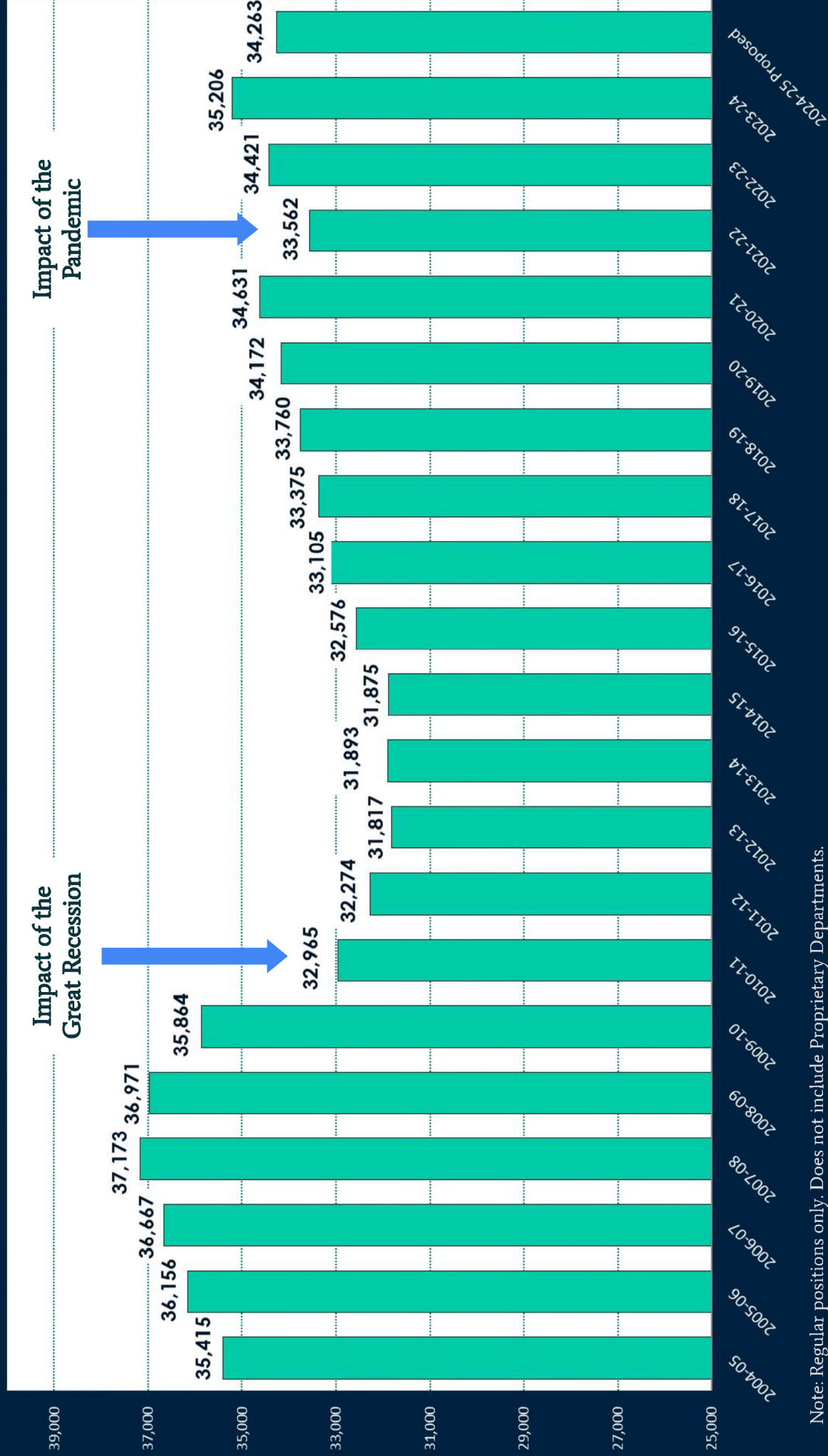
Budget (Millions)

Authorized Positions

	Adopted 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25	% Change	Adopted 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25	% Change
General Fund	\$7,903.3	\$7,986.3	1.0%	25,608	24,576	-4.0%
Special Funds	\$5,242.2	\$4,835.8	-7.8%	13,166	12,471	-5.3%
Total	\$13,145.5	\$12,822.1	-2.5%	38,774	37,047	-4.5%

Budget Overview

Authorized City Staffing



Note: Regular positions only. Does not include Proprietary Departments.



Budget Overview

Major New Expenditure		
Employee compensation increases		
+\$412M All funds		+\$340M General Fund

Significant Required Reductions		
Positions Expense Accounts Capital Spending		
-\$408M All funds		-\$293M General Fund





Revenue Projections

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Limited Growth in FY 24-25



= \$82M

Total Increase in GF
Revenue Compared to the
23-24 Adopted Budget

Revenue Projections

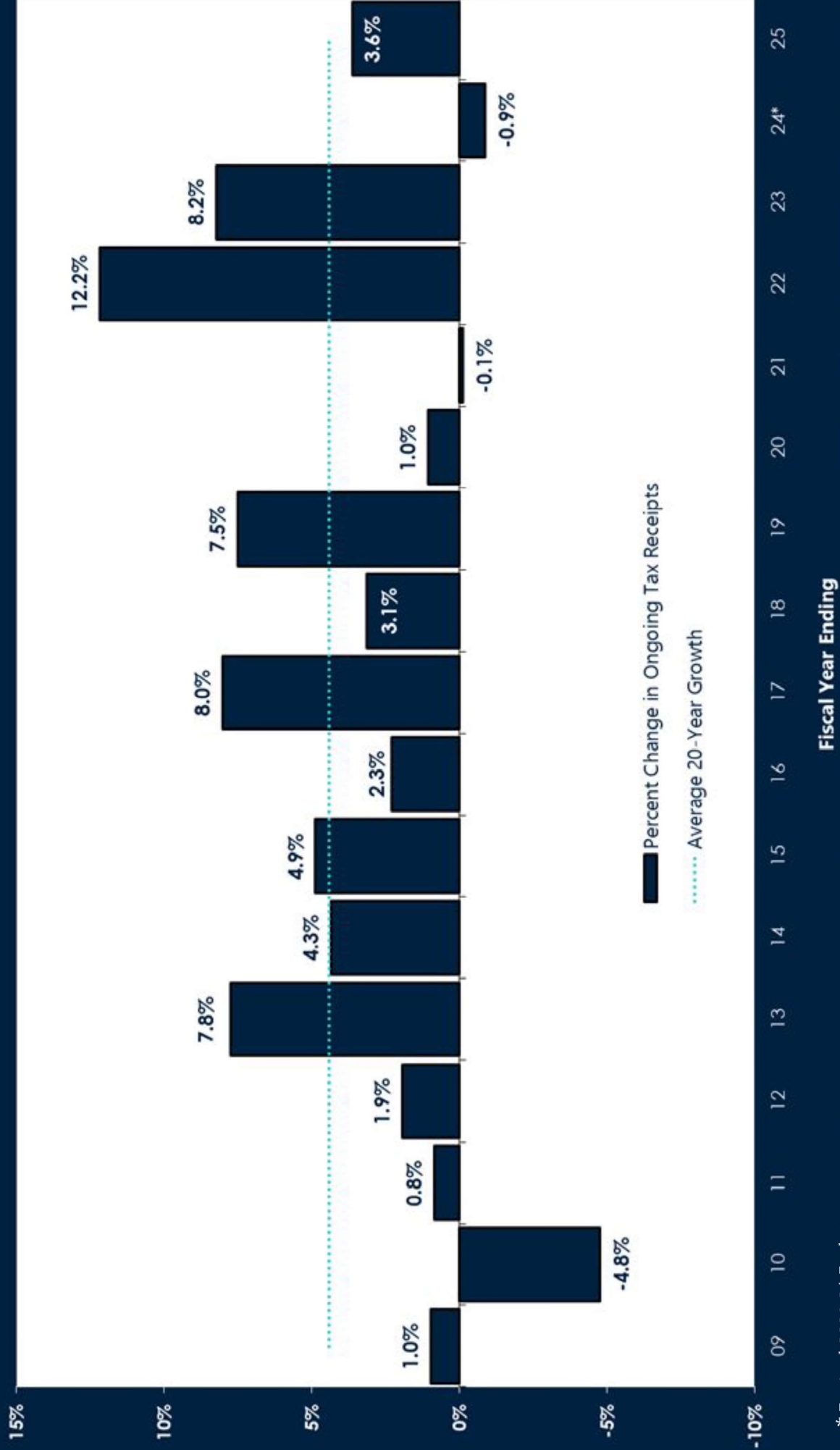
Economy-Sensitive Revenue Sources

Economy-Sensitive Revenue Sources	Change from 2023-24 Adopted Budget		Change from 2023-24 Revised Budget	
	Amount (Millions)	Change (%)	Amount (Millions)	Change (%)
Property Tax	\$125M	+4.5%	\$135M	+4.9%
Business Tax	\$(10M)	-1.2%	\$16M	+2.0%
Sales Tax	\$(33M)	-4.6%	\$10M	+1.5%
Utility Users' Tax	\$22M	+3.4%	\$8.6M	+1.3%
Documentary Transfer Tax	\$(29.8M)	-15.0%	\$10.5M	+6.7%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$(2.8)M	-0.8%	\$15.6M	+4.8%
Parking Occupancy Tax	\$5M	+4.2%	\$4.8M	+3.7%
All General Fund Revenues	\$82.9M	+1%	\$262.7M	+3.4%



Revenue Projections

Growth of Seven General Fund Taxes



* Revised 2023-24 Budget



Reserve Fund



City Reserves | Reserve Fund Status

July 1, 2023:

\$648M

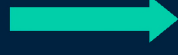
8.20%



After Mid-Year FSR Actions:

\$492M

6.22%



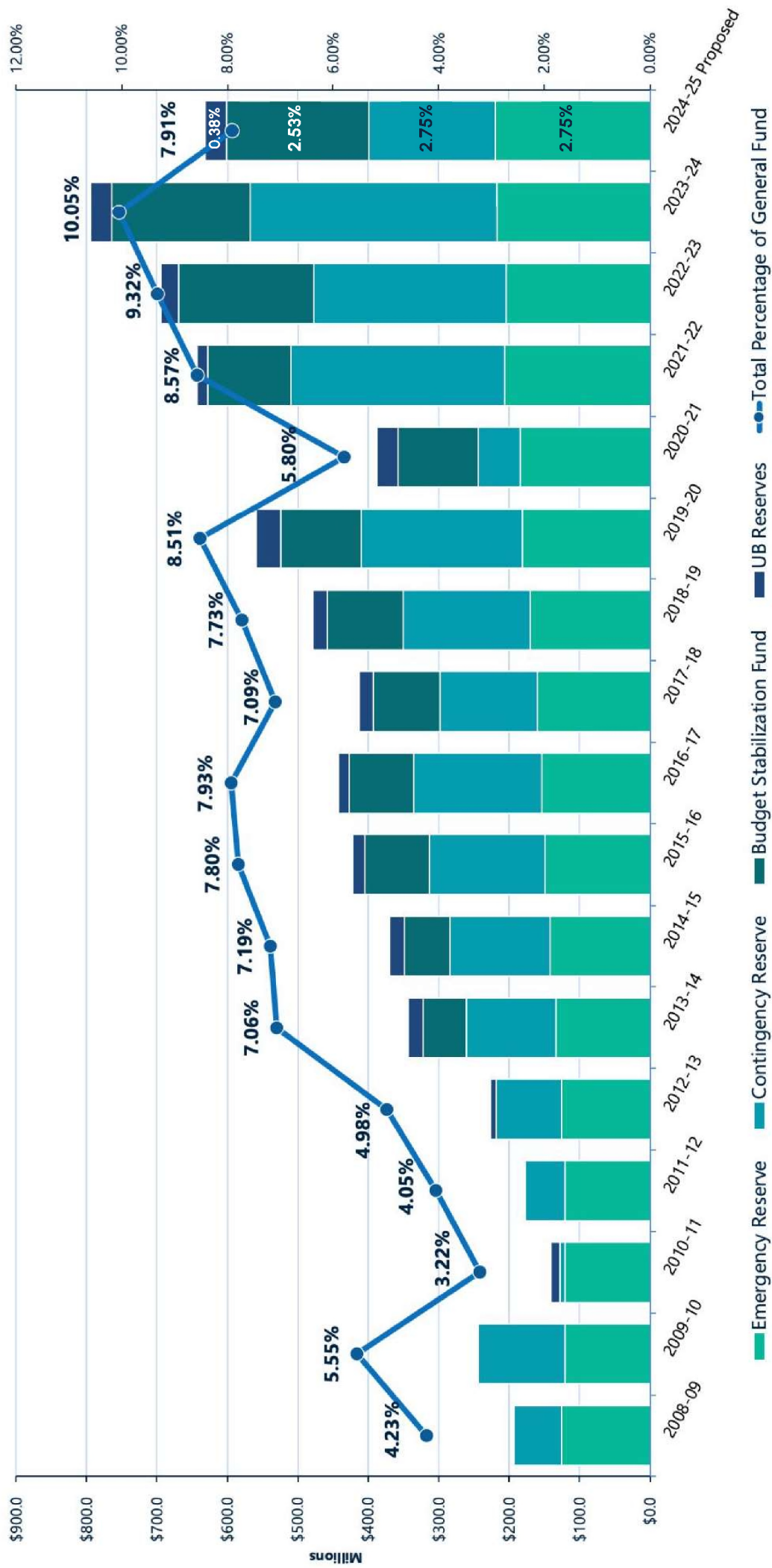
FY 24-25 Proposed Budget:

\$399M

5.00%

City Reserves

Changes in All Reserves (as a percentage of the GF)



Note: For all years, except FY 2024-25, the numbers reflect that of the Adopted Budgets.

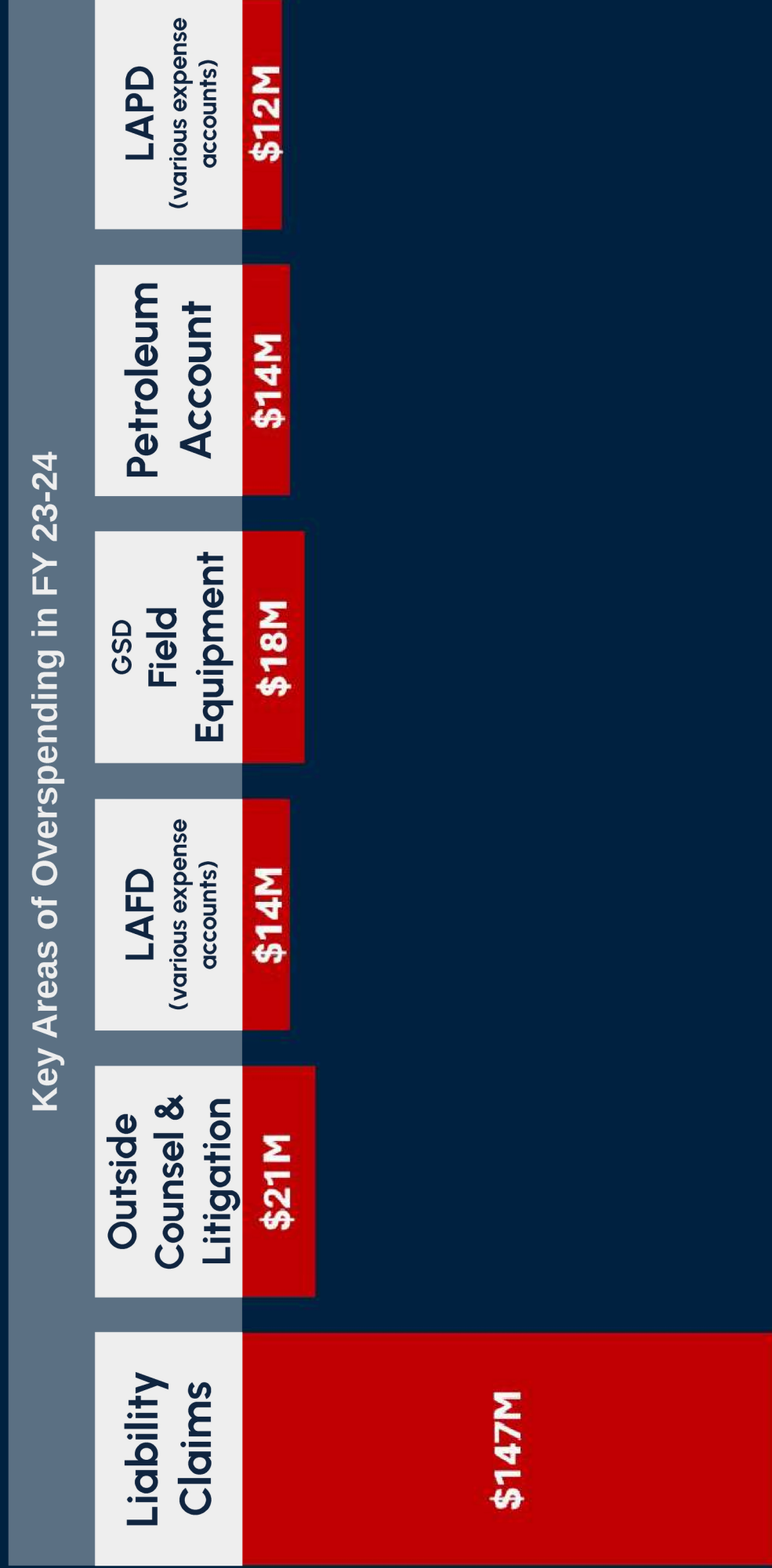


Areas of Concern



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1. Low Reserve Fund does not leave flexibility to address overspending



Areas of Concern

2. The General Fund provides significant subsidy to special funds

**\$425
Million**

**in GF subsidies to
special funds**

Requires mitigation measures:

**Increase fees to
keep up with
inflation and
achieve full cost
recovery.**



Financial Policies

Financial Policies

Compliance Status

Reserve Fund at least 5% of General Fund revenues	✓	Will start this FY at \$399M or 5.00%
Budget Stabilization Fund	✓	Because of lower-than-average projected revenue growth, this policy does not require a deposit. The Proposed Budget does not include a withdrawal from the Fund either.
General Fund reserves goal at 10% of GF revenues	✗	July 1 balance of \$632 million, or 7.9%
Capital & tech. investment at 1.5% of GF revenues	✗	The Proposed Budget invests 0.94% of the General Fund revenues in this category, and thus is not in compliance.
All one-time revenues used for one-time expenditures	✓	The one-time expenditures exceed one-time-revenue by \$37.15M.
Debt service as percent of general receipts: No more than 6% for non-voter-approved, and 15% for non-voter-approved and voter-approved combined	✓	• 2.66% for non voter-approved • 4.05% for non voter-approved and voter-approved
Achieve structural balance	✗	The Outlook only projects structural balance in the fourth and final year of the period. Expenditures are projected to be higher than revenues in 2025-26 (by \$56 million), 2026-27 (by \$194 million), and 2027-28 (by \$72 million) before revenues exceed expenditures in 2028-29 (by \$164 million).

Financial Policies

General Fund Reserves

Cumulative General Fund Reserves

Reserve Fund, BSF,
and the UB for
mid-year
adjustments will
equal **10% of General
Fund revenue.**



The Proposed
2024-25 Budget
falls short of this
goal with a July 1
balance of **7.9%.**

Financial Policies

Capital and Technology Improvements

Capital and Technology Improvements

**Minimum of 1.50% of
General Fund revenue
to be used for capital
and technology
improvements
and projects.**



**The Proposed
2024-25 Budget
falls short of this
goal by investing
0.94% (\$75M).**

Financial Policies

Structural Balance

Four-Year Outlook



Fiscal Reality



Fiscal Reality

Challenges

Does not achieve structural
balance until FY 28-29

Fails to comply with the
capital investment policy

Falls short of 10% reserve goal

Fiscal Reality

Proposed Position Eliminations

2,139

Positions
Eliminated

\$178
million

in Savings
(General Fund & Special Fund)

Fiscal Reality

Employee Compensation Increases

Increased Cost of

**\$412
Million**

Across All Funds

Increased Cost of

**\$340
Million**

General Fund

Employee Compensation Increases



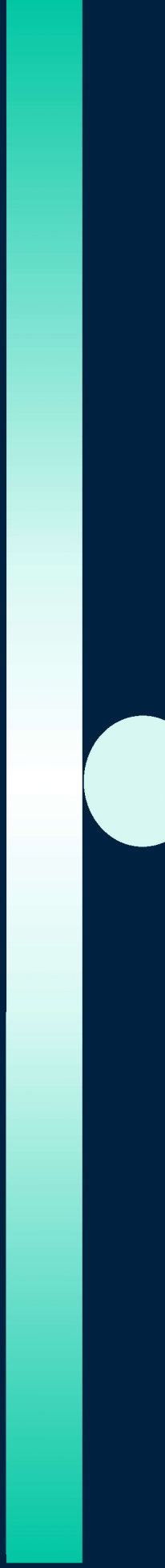
In Millions

Fiscal Reality

Binary Choice

Pay fewer
employees
more

Pay more
employees
less



Fiscal Reality

Savings from Proposed Reductions



In Millions



Fiscal Reality

Structural Balance

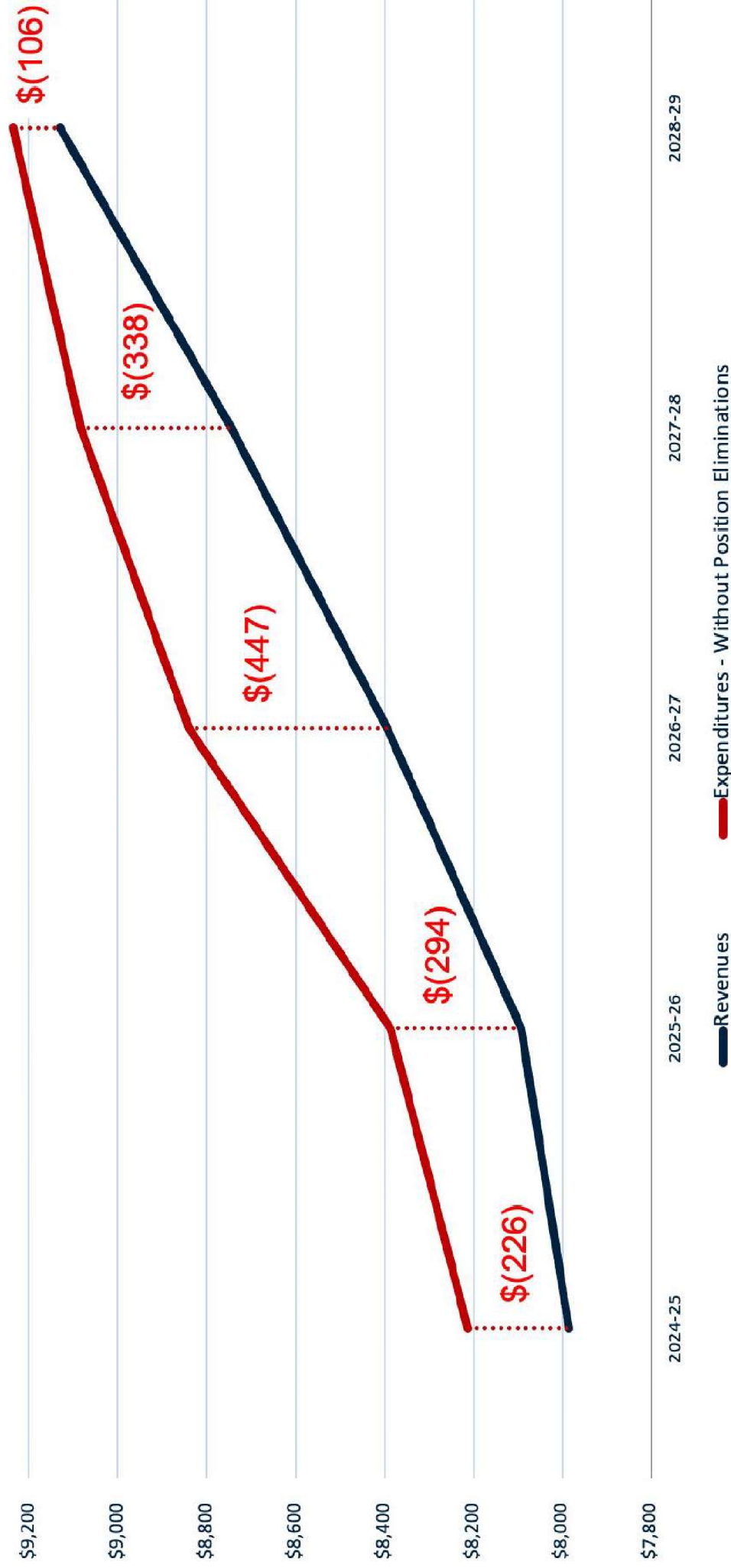
Four-Year Outlook



Importance of Proposed Position Eliminations

Four-Year Outlook

Without All Proposed Position Eliminations





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