

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Fiscal Year 26-27

Adopted Budget

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The background image is a blue-tinted photograph of a modern building's interior. It features a large, ornate chandelier hanging from the ceiling, a statue in the foreground, and a glass-enclosed staircase in the background. The overall aesthetic is contemporary and architectural.

Overview

FY 26-27 Adopted Budget vs. FY 25-26 Adopted Budget

(\$ Millions)

	Adopted 2025-26	Adopted 2026-27	% Change
General Fund	\$8,178	\$8,597	5.1%
Special Funds	\$5,925	\$6,273	5.9%
Total	\$14,103	\$14,870	5.4%



FY 26-27 Adopted Budget vs. FY 25-26 Revised Budget

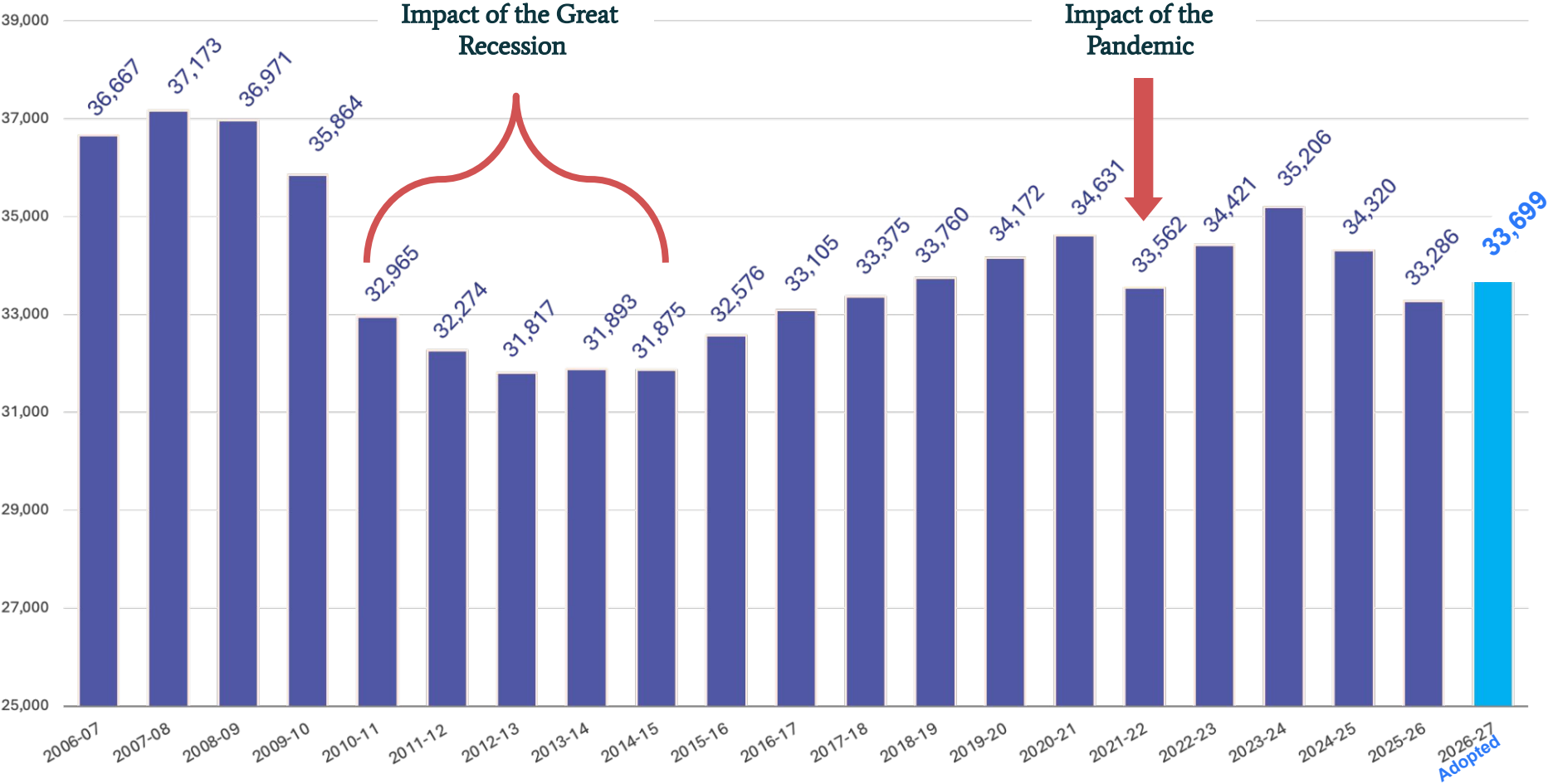
(\$ Millions)

	Revised 2025-26	Adopted 2026-27	% Change
General Fund	\$8,317	\$8,597	3.4%
Special Funds	\$6,340	\$6,273	-1.1%
Total	\$14,657	\$14,870	1.5%



Authorized City Staffing

Note: Regular positions only. Does not include proprietary departments.





Revenues

FY 26-27 Adopted Budget vs. FY 25-26 Adopted Budget

	2025-26		2026-27
	ADOPTED	REVISED	PROPOSED
Property Tax	\$2,839,082	\$2,850,970	\$2,948,660
Ex-CRA Tax Increment	\$172,622	\$151,497	\$155,613
Departmental Receipts	\$1,644,974	\$1,669,876	\$1,850,868
Business Tax	\$825,000	\$904,470	\$910,950
Sales Tax	\$647,485	\$670,670	\$681,500
Utility Users Tax	\$702,520	\$746,010	\$772,790
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$314,990	\$304,070	\$313,500
Power Revenue Transfer	\$227,943	\$225,782	\$219,662
Grants Receipts	\$46,831	\$42,931	\$21,085
Documentary Transfer Tax	\$193,702	\$193,128	\$203,006
Franchise Income	\$144,103	\$140,974	\$130,274
Parking Occupancy Tax	\$141,336	\$147,400	\$151,910
Parking Fines	\$108,400	\$125,600	\$125,600
Interest	\$84,340	\$74,000	\$80,000
Special Parking Revenue Transfer	\$36,647	\$19,544	\$12,215
Tobacco Settlement	\$9,555	\$9,064	\$9,064
State Motor Vehicle License Fees	\$6,146	\$5,960	\$5,960
Residential Development Tax	\$3,580	\$5,905	\$4,740
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$29,000	\$29,000	-
Total General Fund Revenue	\$8,178,256	\$8,316,852	\$8,597,397



Economy-Sensitive Revenues

Projected to experience **below average growth** (20-year average: +3.8%)

Source	FY 2026-27 vs. FY 2025-26 Revised	Growth (%)
Property Tax	\$97.7M	3.4%
Business Tax	\$6.5M	0.7%
Sales Tax	\$10.8M	1.6%
Utility Users' Tax	\$26.8M	3.6%
Documentary Transfer Tax	\$9.9M	5.1%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$9.4M	3.1%
Parking Occupancy Tax	\$4.5M	3.1%
Economy-Sensitive Revenues Growth from Revised FY26	\$165.6M	2.8%



Reserve Fund

Status of the Reserve Fund

FY 25-26 Adopted Budget:

\$420M

5.13%



July 1, 2025 Actual:

\$402M

4.91%



FY 26-27 Adopted Budget:

\$517M

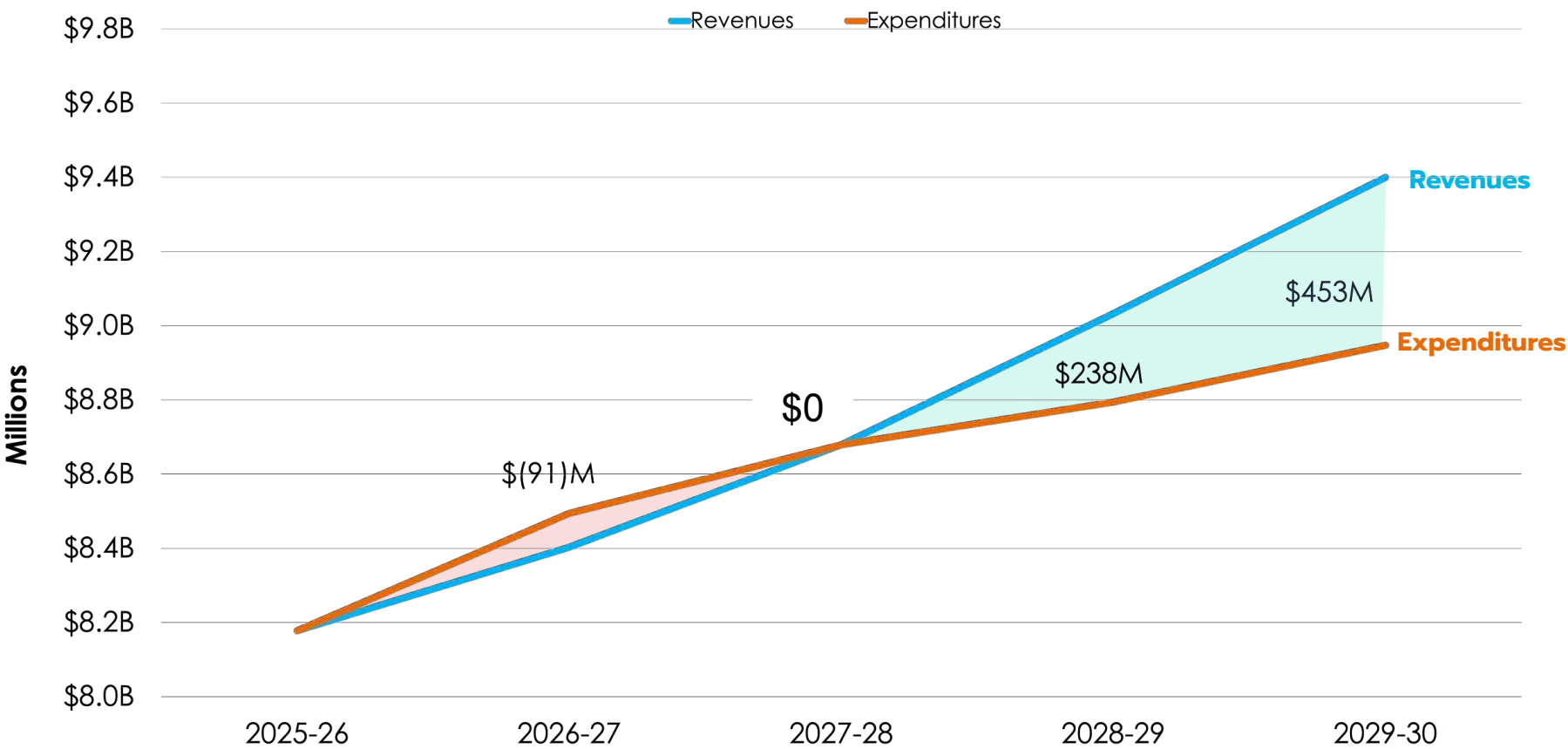
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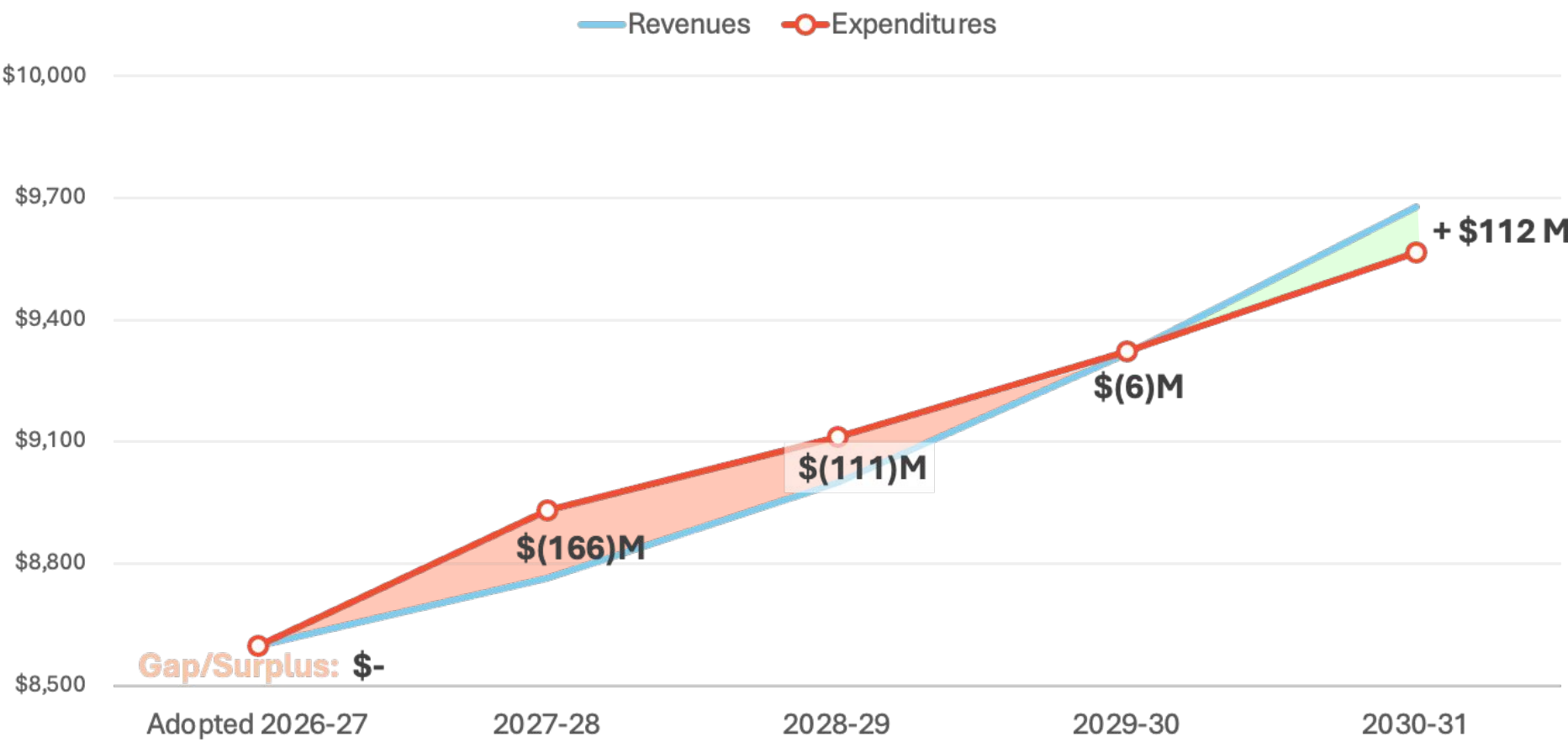


Outlook & Risks

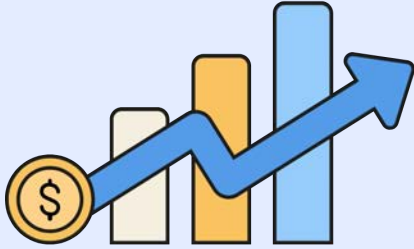
Four-Year Outlook | FY 25-26 Adopted Budget



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Four-Year Outlook | **Key Assumptions**



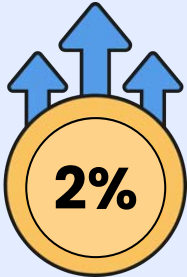
NO RECESSION

Return to historic level of revenue growth



NO SERVICE RESTORATION / EXPANSIONS

Does not include proposed Charter amendments (e.g. increase in RAP allocations, two-year budget); includes major expenses (e.g. LACC expansion) known at this time

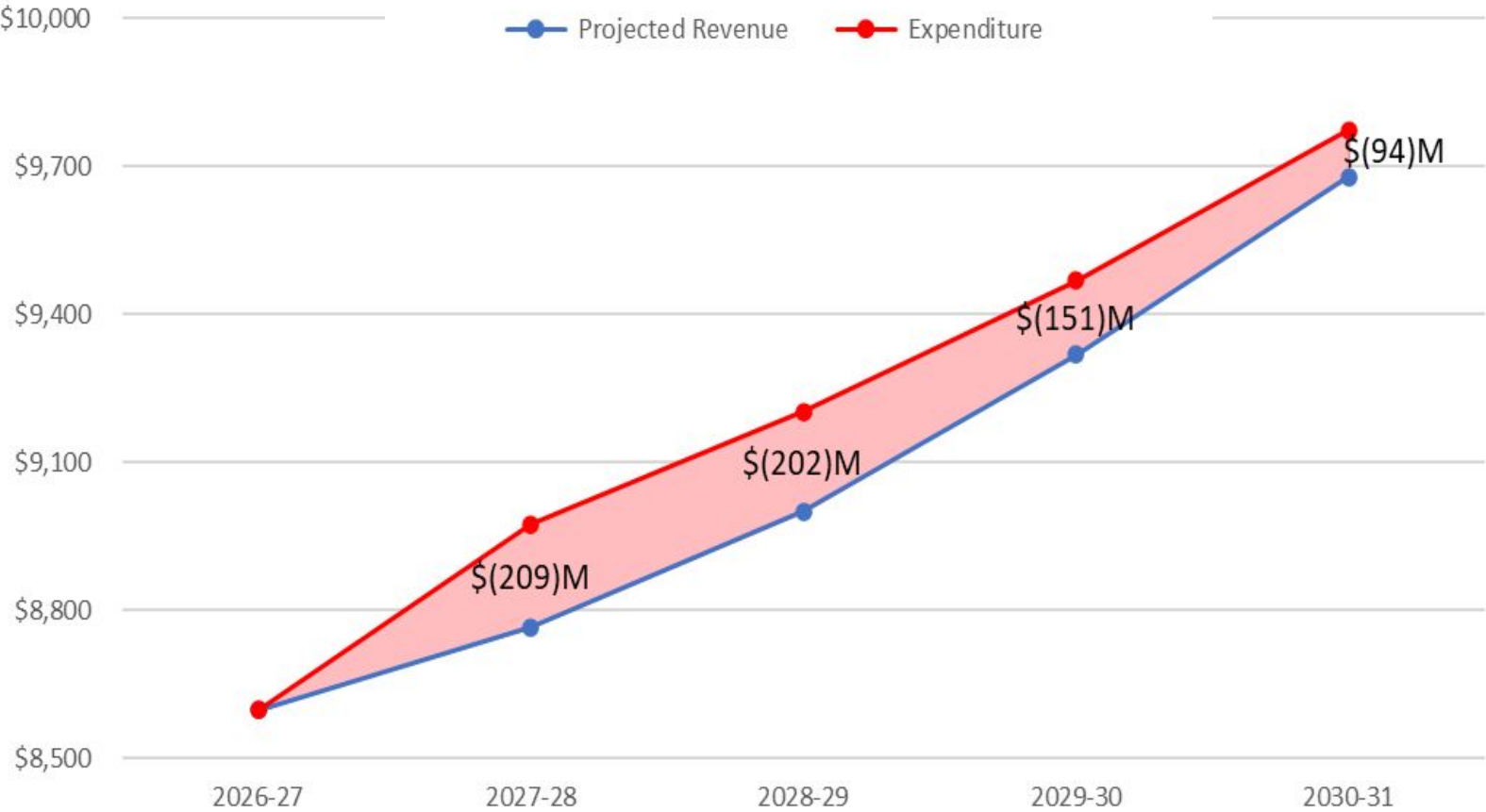


NO NEW LABOR COSTS

2 percent annual increase in labor costs and all costs for active agreements

Four-Year Outlook | With RAP Allocation Increase

General Fund Outlook: Ten Year Phased Increase to 0.065%





Financial Policies

Financial Policies | FY26-27 Adopted Budget Compliance

Reserve Fund at least 5%
of General Fund revenues



Will start this FY at \$517
million, or 6.01%

Budget Stabilization Fund



Will start this FY at \$200
million

**Cumulative General Fund
reserves** at 10% of GF
Revenues



Cumulative Level of \$766
million, or 8.91%



Financial Policies | FY26-27 Adopted Budget Compliance

**Capital & Technology
Investments** at 1.5% of GF
revenues

X

The Adopted Budget
invests \$111 million, or
1.30% of the General Fund
revenues in this category

Financial Policies | FY26-27 Adopted Budget Compliance

Debt service No more than 6% for non-voted direct debt, and 15% for direct debt



2.41% for non voter-approved
3.71% for voter and non voter-approved

Debt service adherence to MICLA operating guidelines



Financial Policies | FY26-27 Adopted Budget Compliance

**All one-time revenues
used for one-time
expenditures**



\$110 million in one-time
General Fund revenues
vs. \$136 million for
one-time expenditures

**Achieve structural
balance**



2027-28: Expenditures
exceed revenues by
\$166M



Looking Ahead

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1. Transition to **Multi-Year Budgeting**
2. **Liability** Mitigation
3. **Fiscal Transparency** Protocols



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