

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an analysis of potential impacts from switching to a 2-year (biennial) or multi-year budget cycle, and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hernandez – Blumenfield - Padilla):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Department of Public Works, Controller, City Clerk, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and other relevant departments, to report within 90 days with an analysis of potential impacts from switching to a 2-year (biennial) or multi-year budget cycle, as well as provide recommendations for implementing a biennial and multi-year budget schedule, as well as the adoption of a Capital Infrastructure Plan.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO, with assistance from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Controller, CLA, and any relevant Departments, to report within 90 days with an analysis of current and past strategies for encouraging public participation in the annual budget process, their effectiveness including constituent reach, how these strategies compare with best practices of public participation in comparable local jurisdictions and municipalities, and provide recommendation to strengthen existing or integrate new strategies to enhance public participation” through changes in City policy, ordinance and/or Charter.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 4, 2025, your Budget and Finance Committee considered Motion (Hernandez, Blumenfield - Padilla) relative to instructing the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from the departments listed in the Motion, to report with an analysis of potential impacts from switching to a 2-year (biennial) budget cycle, provide recommendations for a biennial budget schedule, proposed timeline to strengthen public participation, and an analysis of current and past strategies.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations in the Motion, as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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