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County of Orange Releases FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget

Santa Ana, Calif. (May 21, 2025) –The County of Orange's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Recommended Budget has been released for review by the Board of Supervisors and the public. It is available online at cfo.ocgov.com/budget.

The Recommended Budget is balanced with the base budget totaling \$10.8 billion, of which \$5.4 billion is the General Fund budget with \$1.2 billion in General Purpose Revenue to cover the cost of providing County mandated services. The Recommended Budget is consistent with the County's long-term strategic priorities identified through the County's five-year Strategic Financial Plan process.

A <u>Citizens' Guide to the FY 2025-26 Budget</u> is also available online, to provide members of the public with an overview of the FY 2025-26 Budget including General Fund revenue sources and uses, budget development and adoption timeline, department requests and key initiatives.

Two Public Budget Workshops will be held virtually on Thursday, May 29, 2025, with the first option from 3pm – 4pm and the second from 6pm – 7pm. Staff will share the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget, an overview of the process and will be available to address any specific or general questions attendees may have. Members of the public are encouraged to find more information about this event by visiting https://cfo.ocgov.com/public-workshop. The public may submit comments on or questions about the Budget through the Budget and Finance website at https://cfo.ocgov.com/public-feedback.

The County Executive Office looks forward to presenting the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget to the Board of Supervisors during the Public Budget Hearings scheduled for June 10, 2025. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget at their June 24, 2025, meeting.

The FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget, Budget Augmentation Requests, Transmittal Letter, Key Budget Message, Department Contact List and Citizens' Guide can be found online at cfo.ocgov.com/budget.

The County also invites members of the public to explore additional budgetary and financial information online through the OpenOC data tool, the Strategic Financial Plan and budget reports. These helpful resources can be found at the links above and: oceny.com/about/openoc.