

# LA CITY CONTROLLER

## FY2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

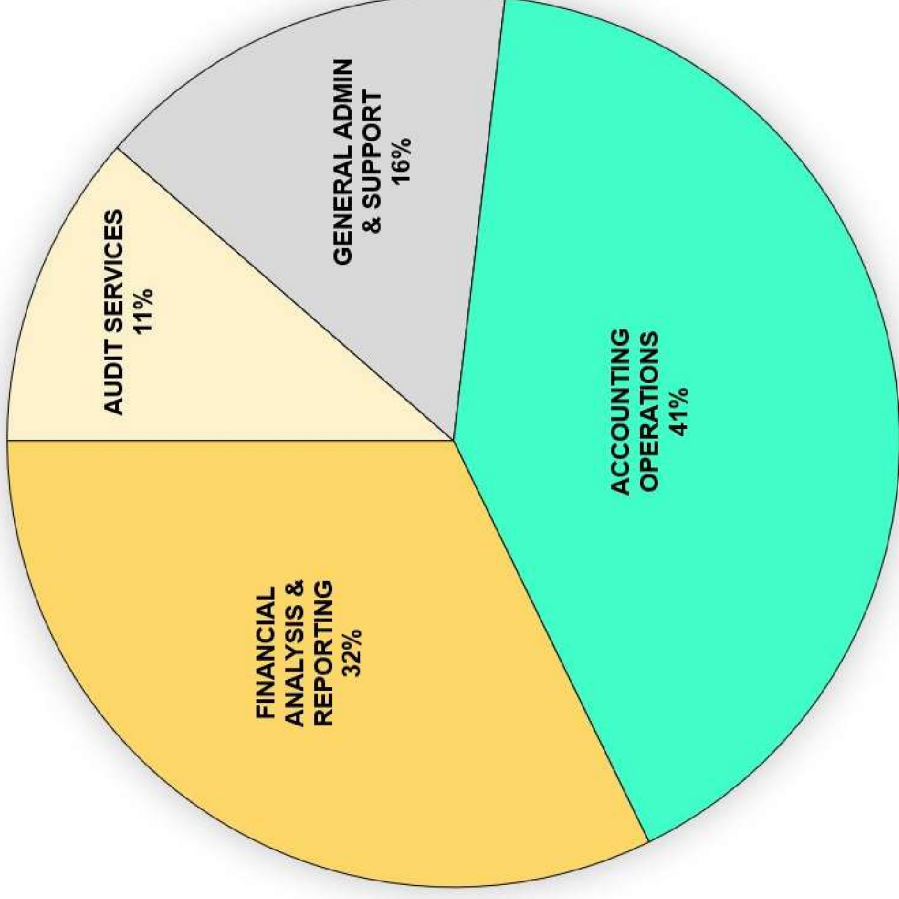


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# 146 Current Staff

City Controller's Office - Current Makeup - 146 Staff

- **Accounting Operations (41%)**
  - Payroll, vendor payments & management, paymaster
- **Financial Analysis & Reporting (32%)**
  - General Accounting, funds and appropriations, & financial reports
- **General Admin & Support (16%)**
  - Executive office and management services
- **Audit Services (11%)**
  - Audits and fraud, waste, & abuse investigations



# Controller Stats

-  Employees paid bi-weekly: 45,149
-  W-2's processed: 50,432
-  Payments disbursed: 156,206 (\$8 billion)
-  Data sites & reports published: 28
-  Payroll & accounting help desk tickets: 2,536
-  Council File instruction transactions: 12,107

# Mayor's Proposed Controller Budget

- The elimination of 27 positions in our current fiscal year's budget is causing severe constraints
  - (Operating Budget decrease of \$2,484,338 from prior year)
- Mayor's proposal increases our Operating Budget by \$2,257,485, mainly due to:
  - Annual COLA/wage increases for staff
  - Restores seven positions
    - 5 Accounting Operations, 1 Financial Analysis & Reporting, and 1 Audit Services

# Impacts of Staffing Constraints

- **Delays in payments** to vendors and employees
- **Getting sued & labor grievances due to delays** in fixing payroll issues & implementing labor contract provisions
- **Delays** in closing the books at year-end
- **Delays** in effectuating Council instructions for fund appropriations including quarterly FSRs
- **Elimination of Annual Preliminary Financial Report**

# Impacts of Staffing Constraints

- *Incurring penalties for noncompliance* with tax laws
- *Inability to train and assist* city-wide accountants
- *Inability to investigate* hundreds of Fraud, Waste, & Abuse claims
- *Inability to audit* and provide reliable oversight over all payments, city departments, and city programs
- *Staff are leaving* or transferring out to other departments due to burnout and/or promotions

# Proposed Change to Our Budget

- **\$200,000 in Additional Overtime**
  - Proposed budget: **\$90,071** (same as current year)
  - Due to short-staffing, we're estimated to spend nearly **\$500,000 on overtime (450% over budget)**
  - Additional overtime will help us in critical crunch times when we must meet legal deadlines for filing financial reports, issuing W-2s, making payroll, and closing the books to start the new fiscal year

# CONTROLLER Regular Positions Trend - FY2009 to FY2026 (Proposed)

