



The New York City Council

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FISCAL YEAR 2018

THE OPERATING BUDGET

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Submitted pursuant to

Section 243 of the

New York City Charter



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OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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March 10, 2017

TO: Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker

Honorable Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Chairperson, Finance Committee

FROM: Marcello Testa
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SUBJECT: THE BUDGET OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Preconsidered (M-490) - The Operating Budget of the Council of The City of New York

**Preconsidered (M-491) - Schedule Detailing the Lump-Sum OTPS Unit of Appropriation of the Operating Budget
of the Council of the City of New York**

INITIATION: Pursuant to section 243 of the New York City Charter, the Council is authorized to present, for inclusion in the executive budget without amendment by the Mayor, its operating budget. This document presents a summary description of the structure and presentation of the Council's budget, and sets forth the proposed Council budget for consideration and approval by the Finance Committee and the Council. Also included is a resolution for the approval of a lump-sum OTPS unit of appropriation.

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In connection herewith, Council Member Ferreras-Copeland offered the following resolution:

RES. NO. 1422

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Resolved: By the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of section 243 of the New York City Charter that the following amounts shall be submitted to the Mayor, for inclusion in the executive budget for the operating budget for the Council of the City of New York.

Summary:

Under the City Charter, the City Council is authorized to structure its own budget. This budget must be presented to the Mayor, for inclusion in the Executive Budget, after the Council approves it.

The Council's staff is described through divisions within three units of appropriation: Council Members and their aides, Committee Staffing, and Council Services. These and the standing committees each have a U/A for PS. OTPS is divided into two categories, one for members, one for central staff and one for each standing committee. A separate resolution approving the central staff's lump sum unit of appropriation is attached for Council approval pursuant to Section 100 (c) of the Charter.

Council Member office budgets are funded in U/A 001 object 021 (PS) and U/A 100 objects 400 and 414 (OTPS). Funds allocated for each Member's budget total \$441,000.

Staffs from the Office of the General Counsel, Governmental Affairs, Finance, Land Use, Infrastructure, and Human Services divisions are specifically assigned to each committee, subcommittee, and select committee. These analysts and attorneys in turn are supported by the Administrative Services Division, which functions as the central administration.

Staffs from the following Divisions are assigned to these Committees, Subcommittees and Select Committees:

Policy & Innovations

- ❖ Provides additional policy and data analysis for the Council's Legislative Committees

Finance

- ❖ Finance

Land Use

- ❖ Land Use
- ❖ Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses (Subcommittee)
- ❖ Planning, Dispositions & Concessions (Subcommittee)
- ❖ Zoning & Franchises (Subcommittee)

General Counsel

- ❖ Rules, Privileges and Elections
- ❖ Standards & Ethics

Governmental Affairs

- ❖ Civil Rights
- ❖ Consumer Affairs
- ❖ Contracts
- ❖ Courts and Legal Services
- ❖ Fire & Criminal Justice Services
- ❖ General Welfare
- ❖ Governmental Operations
- ❖ Immigration
- ❖ Juvenile Justice
- ❖ Oversight & Investigations
- ❖ Public Safety
- ❖ State & Federal Legislation

Human Services

- ❖ Aging

- ❖ Senior Centers (Subcommittee)
- ❖ Civil Services and Labor
- ❖ Cultural Affairs, Libraries & International Intergroup Relations
- ❖ Libraries (Subcommittee)
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Non-Public Schools (Subcommittee)
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Higher Education
- ❖ Mental Health, Developmental Disability, Alcoholism, Substance Abuse & Disability Services
- ❖ Small Business
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Veterans
- ❖ Women's Issues
- ❖ Youth Services

Infrastructure

- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Environmental Protection
- ❖ Housing & Buildings
- ❖ Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Public Housing
- ❖ Recovery and Resiliency
- ❖ Sanitation & Waste Management
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Waterfronts

Drafting

- ❖ Responsible for drafting of legislation for the Council's Legislative Committees

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET

Function:

The New York City Council is the legislative branch of city government. Council members are elected every four years and each represents a district of approximately 160,000 people.

The Council is an equal partner with the Mayor in the governing of New York City. The Council monitors the operation and performance of city agencies. It has sole responsibility for analyzing and approving the city's budget which sets spending priorities and has decision-making powers over major land use issues. It is the city's lawmaking body.

The allocations of funds made through this Resolution are based on current projections and information available. Final allocations may vary from those anticipated in this Resolution, subject to the discretion of the Speaker.