

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND  
APPROPRIATING REVENUE FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared and submitted to the City Council a Proposed Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and modified the City Manager's Proposed Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Proposed Budget on June 1, 2026, where all interested persons were heard; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the Budget and comments thereon, and has determined it is necessary for the efficient management of the City that certain sums of revenue be appropriated to the various departments, officers, and agencies and activities of the City as set forth in said budget, and as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, ORDER AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the annual Budget for the City of Merced for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. That said Budget hereby adopted is the aforementioned Proposed Budget prepared by the City Manager, entitled, "City of Merced 2026-2027 Budget," incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

SECTION 3. That the sums of money therein set forth are hereby appropriated from the revenues of the City to the departments, functions, and funds therein set forth for expenditures during the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

SECTION 4. That the recommended ending balance for June 30, 2027, shown in the proposed annual Financial Summary section is an estimate, and the actual ending balance is hereby appropriated as a reserve for unanticipated uses as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 5. That pursuant to the City Council adopted General Fund Reserve Policy, the General Fund reserves have been set at the minimum. This included 25% set-aside in a separate fund and 5% remaining in the General Fund as contingency.

SECTION 6. That pursuant to Government Finance Officers Association best practice recommendation “Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund” the unassigned portion of the unrestricted Measure C Fund fund balance will at a minimum be the average of two months of revenue and expenditures.

SECTION 7. Capital Improvement Projects revenue and unspent appropriation actual carryover budget amounts from 2025-2026 shall be recalculated and updated to reflect actual balances as of June 30, 2026 and are hereby incorporated as part of the 2026-2027 approved Budget.

SECTION 8. Grant Funds received and appropriated and unspent appropriation actual carryover budget amounts from 2025-2026 shall be recalculated and updated to reflect actual balances as of June 30, 2026 and are hereby incorporated as part of the 2026-2027 approved Budget.

SECTION 9. Opioid Settlement Funds received and appropriated and unspent appropriation actual carryover budget amounts from 2025-26 shall be recalculated and updated to reflect actual balances as of June 30, 2026, and hereby incorporated as part of the 2026-2027 approved Budget.

SECTION 10. State law requires that an Appropriations Limit be adopted annually by the City Council. Article XIII B of the California Constitution places certain restrictions on appropriations made by local governments and the restrictions are applicable to appropriations that meet the definition of “Proceeds of Taxes”. The law allows the option to select the factors to be used to calculate the annual Appropriations Limit. For one of the factors the City must select between: (A) the change in the City of Merced population, or (B) the change in the Merced County population, and

the City has selected the change in the City of Merced population. For the second adjustment factor the City must select between (A) the change in the State per capita income; or (B) the change in the assessed valuation of local non-residential construction, and the City has selected the change in the State per capita income. The appropriations subject to limitation in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 shall be as set forth on and as calculated on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 11. That the City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to advance from Pooled Cash funds for which the City has received a reimbursable grant until such time as the grants funds are received by the City.

SECTION 12. Pursuant to Section 1112 of the Merced City Charter, the City Council hereby authorizes the use of the Cash Basis Fund for meeting General Fund expenditures prior to the receipt of the ad valorem tax revenues.

SECTION 13. As the Successor Agency for the housing obligations for the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced, the City Council makes the findings and determinations set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 14. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to make transfers of budget appropriations between classifications and activities within a fund to purchase such items and services needed to accomplish those purposes set forth in the Program Statements of said Budget document and to insure the efficient and effective administration of City services.

SECTION 15. That the Finance Officer is authorized to revise revenue budget and appropriation throughout the fiscal year based on actuals received from the Office of Emergency Services (Fire Department).

SECTION 16. That the Finance Officer is authorized to revise revenue budget and appropriation throughout the fiscal year based on actuals received from the Opioid Settlements.

SECTION 17. That the Finance Officer is authorized to revise revenue and appropriation throughout the fiscal year based on actuals received from Property Based Improvement District Assessments and Tourism Based Improvement District Assessments.

SECTION 18. That the Finance Officer is authorized to revise revenue budget and appropriation throughout the fiscal year if funding is available or up to \$10,000 based on actuals received for each Community Facilities District and/or Maintenance District.

SECTION 19. That the Finance Officer is authorized to revise revenue budget and appropriation throughout the fiscal year of unanticipated or unbudgeted funding in amounts of \$10,000 or less.

SECTION 20. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute public works project contracts which are below the threshold amount which is adjusted annually by the Finance Officer in accordance with the Engineering Construction Cost Index.

SECTION 21. That the new positions, salary ranges, and adjusted salary ranges for existing positions, as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved and included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at an adjourned regular meeting held on the 15th day of June 2026, by the following called vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

APPROVED:  
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

*Craig Cornwell* 6-5-2026  
City Attorney      Date

Exhibit "A"

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE  
APPROPRIATION LIMIT**

1978-79 Revenue	\$	13,472,352	1978-79 Appropriations-	\$	16,362,969
Less: non-proceeds			as amended		
of taxes		7,236,508	Less: non-proceeds of		
debt service		719,175	taxes		7,236,508
Proceeds of taxes	\$	<u>5,516,669</u>	debt service		
			approp.		<u>719,175</u>
			1978-79 approp. limit		
			(Base Year)	\$	<u>8,407,286</u>

Year of Change	U.S. Con. Price Index	Per Capita Pers. Inc.	Pop.	Ratio of Change	Approp. Amount	Limit Year
78-79	1.1017		1.0440	1.1502	9,670,000	79-80
79-80		1.1211	1.0200	1.1435	11,057,858	80-81
80-81		1.0912	1.0160	1.1087	12,259,396	81-82
81-82	1.0679		1.1080	1.1832	14,505,724	82-83
82-83		1.0235	1.0534	1.0782	15,639,417	83-84
83-84	1.0474		1.0459	1.0955	17,132,601	84-85
84-85	1.0374		1.0514	1.0907	18,686,911	85-86
85-86	1.0230		1.0426	1.0666	19,931,082	86-87
86-87	1.0304		1.0546	1.0867	21,658,306	87-88
87-88	1.0393		1.0568	1.0983	23,788,016	88-89
88-89	1.0498		1.0429	1.0948	26,043,986	89-90
89-90		1.0421	1.0456	1.0896	28,378,042	90-91
90-91		1.0414	1.0366	1.0795	30,634,529	91-92
91-92		0.9936	1.0185	1.0120	31,001,580	92-93
92-93		1.0272	1.0193	1.0470	32,459,428	93-94
93-94		1.0071	1.0154	1.0226	33,193,314	94-95
94-95		1.0472	1.0131	1.0609	35,215,395	95-96
95-96		1.0467	1.0123	1.0596	37,313,331	96-97
96-97		1.0467	1.0127	1.0600	39,551,873	97-98
97-98		1.0415	1.0212	1.0636	42,066,574	98-99
98-99		1.0453	1.0182	1.0643	44,772,483	99-00
99-00		1.0491	1.0215	1.0717	47,980,685	00-01
00-01		1.0782	1.0181	1.0977	52,669,137	01-02
01-02		0.9873	1.0285	1.0154	53,482,246	02-03
02-03		1.0231	1.0203	1.0439	55,828,455	03-04
03-04		1.0328	1.0242	1.0578	59,054,991	04-05
04-05		1.0526	1.0454	1.1004	64,983,406	05-06
05-06		1.0396	1.0299	1.0707	69,576,696	06-07
06-07		1.0442	1.0509	1.0973	76,349,972	07-08
07-08		1.0429	1.0209	1.0647	81,289,556	08-09
08-09		1.0062	1.0123	1.0186	82,799,612	09-10
09-10		0.9746	1.0105	.9848	81,543,815	10-11
10-11		1.0251	1.0102	1.0356	84,443,189	11-12
11-12		1.0377	1.0055	1.0434	88,108,644	12-13
12-13		1.0512	1.0109	1.0627	93,629,362	13-14
13-14		0.9977	1.0096	1.0073	94,310,789	14-15
14-15		1.0382	1.0067	1.0452	98,569,482	15-16
15-16		1.0537	1.0103	1.0646	104,932,448	16-17
16-17		1.0369	1.0115	1.0488	110,055,707	17-18
17-18		1.0367	1.0173	1.0546	116,068,590	18-19
18-19		1.0385	1.0138	1.0528	122,200,645	19-20
19-20		1.0373	1.0237	1.0619	129,762,911	20-21
20-21		1.0573	1.0307	1.0898	141,410,314	21-22

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Year of Change	U.S. Con. Price Index	Per Capita Pers. Inc.	Pop.	Ratio of Change	Approp. Amount	Limit Year
21-22		1.0755	1.0097	1.0859	153,562,035	22-23
22-23		1.0444	1.0165	1.0616	163,026,462	23-24
23-24		1.0362	1.0191	1.0560	172,154,545	24-25
24-25		1.0644	1.0526	1.1204	192,879,790	25-26
25-26		1.0495	1.0079	1.0578	204,026,516	26-27

2026-27 Projected Revenue Subject to Appropriation:

Limit:

Taxes	\$	73,012,628
Other Agencies ( State Subventions)		9,245,583
Interest		<u>957,536</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>83,215,747</u></u>

Revenues to be received during 2026-27 will not exceed the appropriation limit for 2025-26 in compliance with the State Constitution.

## **EXHIBIT “B”**

### **FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS THE HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. Pursuant to California Redevelopment Law (Health & Safety Code Section 33000 *et seq.*) the City of Merced, California as the housing successor to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced (“Successor Agency”) is required to establish a fund for the purpose of increasing, improving, and preserving the community’s supply of low and moderate income housing available at affordable housing cost using Low and Moderate Income funds; and,
2. The Successor Agency has established Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds for the purpose of increasing, improving, and preserving the community’s supply of low and moderate income housing in the City’s former two project areas; and,
3. The City of Merced’s General Plan Housing Element provides substantial evidence that there is a significant need for affordable housing throughout the City of Merced; and,
4. Affordable housing development opportunities are not confined to the Successor Agency’s former two Project Areas but instead are found throughout the entire community of Merced; and,
5. Residential housing development opportunities are particularly limited in the forth Project Area 2 due to the small amount of residentially-zoned land in the former Project Area; and,
6. The California Health and Safety Code provides authority for expending Redevelopment Low-Moderate Income Housing funds throughout the community without limit as to project area boundaries if the use of such funds will of benefit to the project areas.

DETERMINATIONS:

1. Expenditures of Low-Moderate Income Housing funds outside the Successor Agency's former two Project Areas are necessary and reasonable and will be of benefit to the Project Area 2 and Gateways Project Area.

2. The expenditure of the former Project Area 2 and Gateways Project Area Low-Moderate Income Housing funds anywhere in the City of Merced, including areas inside and outside of the former Project Area 2 and Gateways Project Area, is hereby authorized.

**Exhibit C**

**New Salaries and/or Positions Proposed FY 2026-27**

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step/Range</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Cyber Security Specialist I	NEW	Annual	90,525.76	95,052.26	99,804.85	104,794.56	110,034.91
		Monthly	7,543.81	7,921.02	8,317.07	8,732.88	9,169.58
		Hourly	43.5220	45.6982	47.9831	50.3820	52.9014

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step/Range</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Cyber Security Specialist II	NEW	Annual	96,863.10	101,705.97	106,791.36	112,130.72	117,737.57
		Monthly	8,071.93	8,475.50	8,899.28	9,344.23	9,811.46
		Hourly	46.5688	48.8971	51.3420	53.9090	56.6046

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step/Range</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Director of Human Resources	870	Annual	146,466.74	153,790.42	161,479.55	169,553.70	178,031.36
		Monthly	12,205.56	12,815.87	13,456.63	14,129.47	14,835.95
		Hourly	70.4167	73.9377	77.6344	81.5162	85.5920

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step/Range</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Fire Chief	NEW	Annual	174,778.03	183,516.74	192,693.49	202,327.84	212,443.09
		Monthly	14,564.84	15,293.06	16,057.79	16,860.65	17,703.59
		Hourly	84.0279	88.2292	92.6411	97.2730	102.1361

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step/Range</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Fire Division Chief	NEW	Annual	154,833.33	162,575.09	170,703.94	179,239.01	188,200.90
		Monthly	12,902.78	13,547.92	14,225.33	14,936.58	15,683.41
		Hourly	74.4391	78.1611	82.0692	86.1726	90.4812