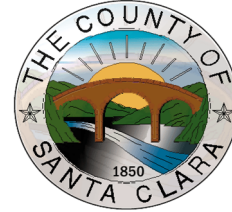


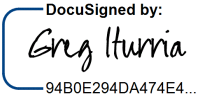
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Date: September 17, 2020

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

From: Gregory Iturria, County Budget Director 

Subject: Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award

This report is submitted under advisement from the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 25). Supervisor Ellenberg requested that the Administration report to the Board upon completion of the annual budget process to include a timeline to apply for the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 budget was adopted on August 21, 2020 following a budget process that was revised due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County of Santa Clara's FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget document contained substantial enhancements that increase the County's likelihood of receiving the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award. The enhancements included new sections on debt service, statistical information, long-term financial policies, a listing of children's, youth and family programs, a listing of budgetary funds, and a listing of budget units. The County's economic outlook section was also enhanced and a full five-year financial forecast for the General Fund was added. Additionally, budget information was added to the County's Open Data Portal and a link to the Open Data Portal was included on the webpage containing the budget document.

The GFOA has revised the criteria for the award for fiscal years beginning after January 1, 2021. The Office of the County Executive's Office of Budget and Analysis (OBA) is currently evaluating the revised criteria along with any potential enhancements to the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget document. OBA plans to submit the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget document to the GFOA for the Distinguished Budget Award. The

County must submit the award application within ninety days of when the budget was approved or adopted. If the FY 2021-22 budget process follows the historical timeline, the budget would be adopted in approximately middle of June 2021 and the submittal to GFOA would follow in the middle of September 2021.

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