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## **News Release**

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### **Stanislaus County Final Budget Released for Budget Year 2018-2019/2019-2020**

**Stanislaus County, CA** – The Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office has released the County's Recommended Final Budget for the budget years 2018-2019/2019-2020. The Recommended Final Budget will serve as the final spending plan for Stanislaus County operations.

This is the County's first two-year budget, identifying both the operational plan for year one and the spending plan for year two. This strategy incorporates County-wide performance visioning and aligns resources in support of specific department objectives to achieve the Board of Supervisors' priorities for a better community. Much work has gone into the creation of this new budget model, which is designed to streamline budget development for a cohesive and coordinated plan, shift focus to analysis and highlights of actual financial results and move the organization towards greater success in meeting its goals through long-range planning.

The Recommended Final Budget totals \$1.36 billion in the first year of the budget period, and reflects an increase of approximately 1.5% or \$19.8 million for all funds as compared to the 2018-2019 Adopted Proposed Budget. The General Fund totals \$356.6 million, which has increased approximately 3.5% or \$12.2 million from the 2018-2019 Adopted Proposed Budget of \$344.4 million.

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Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is balanced with the use of \$68.5 million in fund balance/retained earnings, or 5% of appropriations, a reduction in the dependence on County reserves when compared to last year's reliance on one-time savings of \$72.9 million or 5.8% of appropriations.

Looking forward, the strategies recommended for 2018-2019/2019-2020 provide a solid financial plan for working towards a healthy and vibrant place to live, work, and play; a place to call home.

Stanislaus County continues to embrace our motto, Striving together to be the best! This budget is highly indicative of the collaborative efforts of every department within the County organization towards continuous improvement.

A Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors for the consideration and adoption of the 2018-2019/2019-2020 Recommended Final Budget has been scheduled for the 6:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. The meeting will take place in the basement Board Chambers located at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto.

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The Stanislaus County 2018-2019/2019-2020 Recommended Final Budget is available for public review as of Friday afternoon, September 7, 2018. It may be viewed at the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Office located at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6500, in Modesto. It is also available on the County's website at [www.stancounty.com/budget/](http://www.stancounty.com/budget/).

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