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Alameda County Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Workgroup Meeting

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Overview

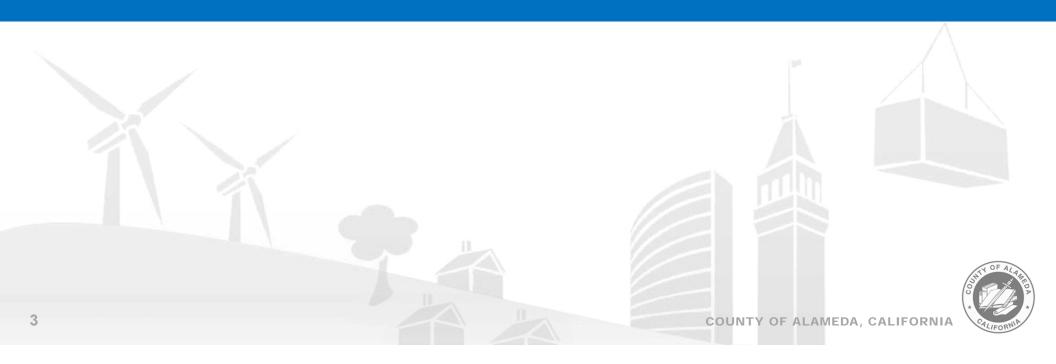
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- Economic Updates
- County Financing
- FY 20-21 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget
- FY 20-21 Funding Gap
- COVID-19 Impacts
- Pending Factors
- Balancing Options
 - Countywide strategies
 - Looking ahead



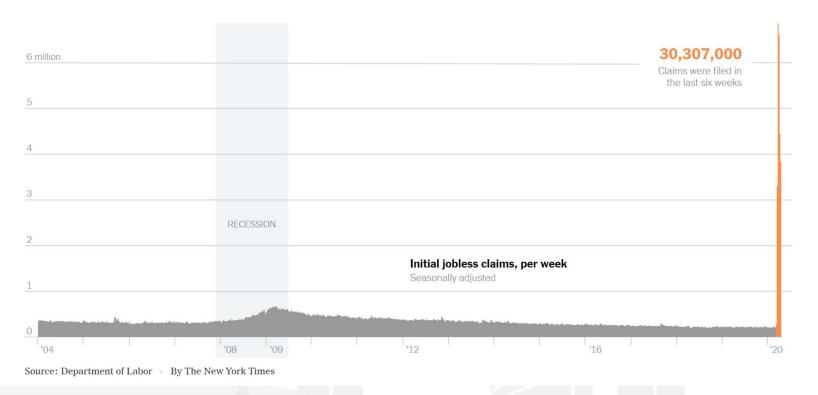
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Economic Updates



Unprecedented Rise in U.S. Unemployment DRAFT

Another 3.8 million file unemployment claims, overwhelming the states.



Los Angeles Times

California coronavirus unemployment surges as payrolls shrink for first time since 2010

19.3M person California work force

3.5M unemployment claims filed (18%)

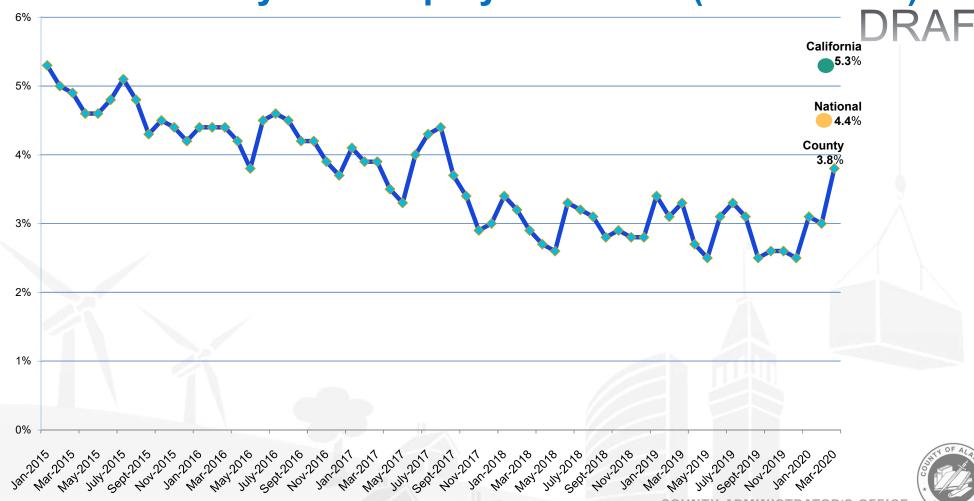
13%

of total claims were issued first-time payments or only 1 in 8 workers

California lagging behind the national average



Alameda County – Unemployment Rate (March 2020)



Local Unemployment



Over 200 employers throughout the County have submitted Worker
 Adjustment Retraining Notification (WARN) notices to report temporary or
 permanent closures or laid off employees, impacting over 15,000 workers*

*Includes numbers through March 2020 from the City of Oakland

WARN

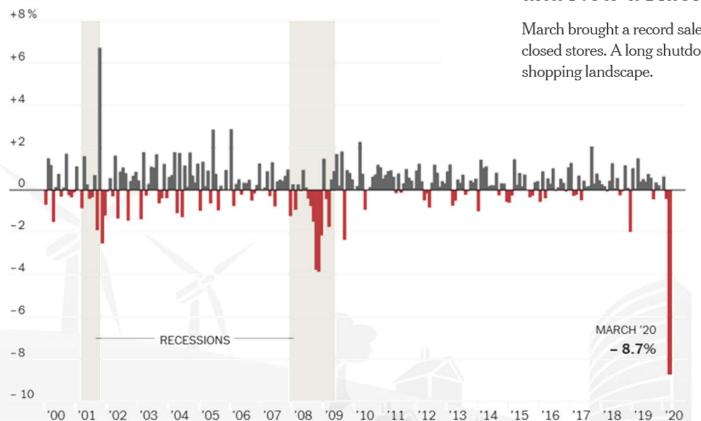
The Worker Adjustment Retraining Notification (WARN) protects employees, their families, and communities by requiring employers to give a 60-day notice to the affected employees and both state and local representatives prior to a plant closing or mass layoff. Federal WARN is applicable only to employers with 100 or more full-time employees. California WARN is applicable to a covered establishment with 75 or more employees full or part-time.



Major Losses in Retail

Retail and Food Service Sales

(Change from Previous Month)



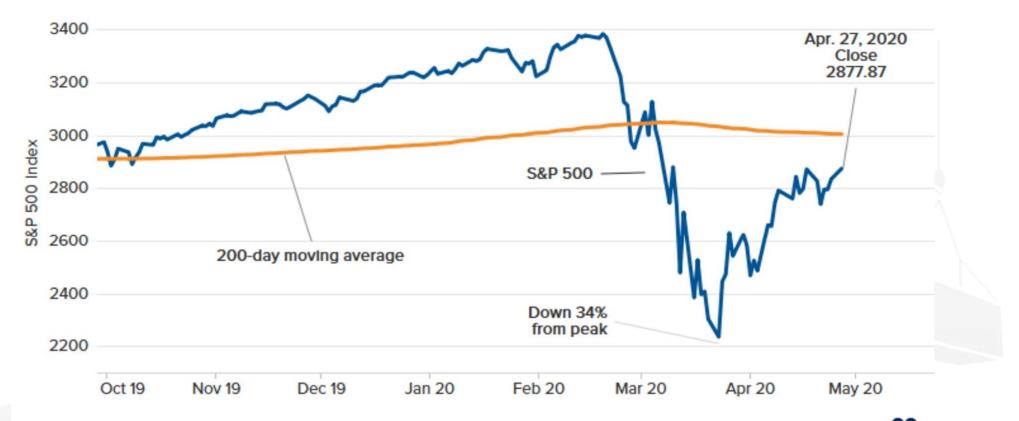
'Pretty Catastrophic' Month for Retailers, and Now a Race to Survive

March brought a record sales plunge as the coronavirus outbreak closed stores. A long shutdown could leave lasting changes in the

The New York Times



Stocks Will Revisit Coronavirus Crash Low DRAFT



SOURCE: FactSet



Strained Housing Market & Household Incomes

Renters



30%

Failed to pay rent by April 1st

Landlords foresee collections weakening in May/June when tenants exhaust savings

Homeowners



skipped mortgage payments nationwide



90%

decline in buyer interest

80%

decline in houses on the market



60%

of buyers delaying purchases

drop in California home sales

Federal CARES Act

- Mortgage payment forbearances up to a year
- Temporary relief from fees and charges
- No new foreclosure sales or evictions



Modeling the Economic Impacts of COVID-19



"This is a natural disaster. There is nothing in the Great Depression that is analogous to what we're experiencing now."

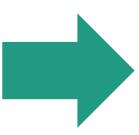
Mark Zandi, Moody's Chief Economist,
 Wall Street Journal, April 5, 2020



Current Year – Potential Revenue Impacts DRAFT

Major Sales Tax Declines Projected:

- Autos/Transportation
- Business/Manufactured Goods
- Construction/Building
- Fuel
- Retail Sales
- Restaurants/Hotels



Revenue Impacts include:

- 1991 Realignment
- 2011 Realignment
- Prop 172 statewide
- Measure A
- Unincorporated



Current Year Projections – Areas of Concern

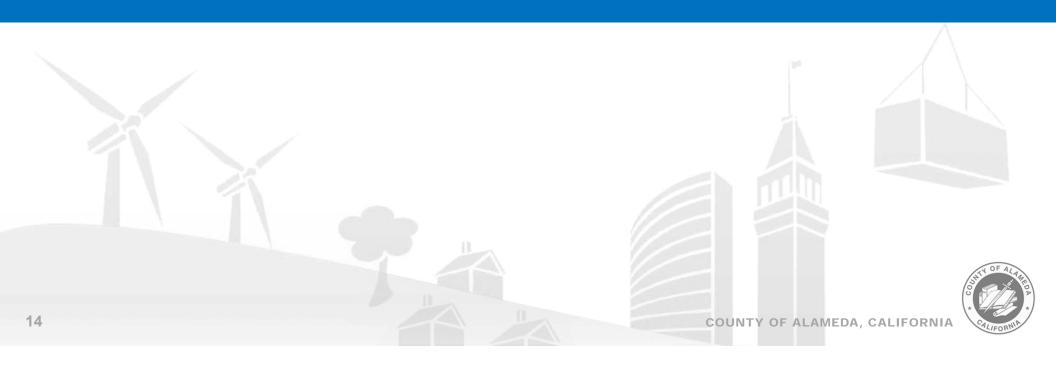
Significant revenue impacts from Mid-March – June 2020

Dramatic declines in sales tax-based and other revenues

- 1991 & 2011 Realignment
- Prop 172 Public Safety
- Measure A, Gas Tax/Fuel
- Medi-Cal
- Increased caseloads and unanticipated COVID-19 costs
- Spending controls and reductions may be required for related programs and services
- Immediate solutions to be implemented while planning for long-term effects to affected programs



Revised Five Year Forecast



Assumptions

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- Status quo projection on costs
 - Model does not include costs associated with the County's COVID-19 emergency response
- Model does not include the impact of federal and State emergency relief
 - Likely to result in increased revenue available to offset a portion of the cost of the emergency response



Recession Scenarios

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Recessions Modeled as Revenue Events

- Moderate Recession Scenario
- Severe Recession Scenario

Assumptions for Both Scenarios

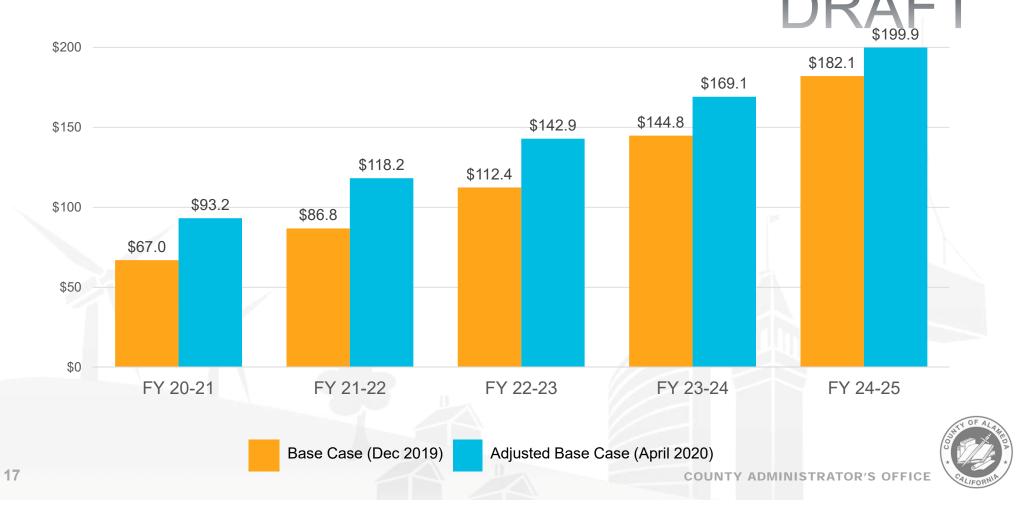
Recession begins FY 2019-20

Revenue model reflects projected economic impacts of pandemic

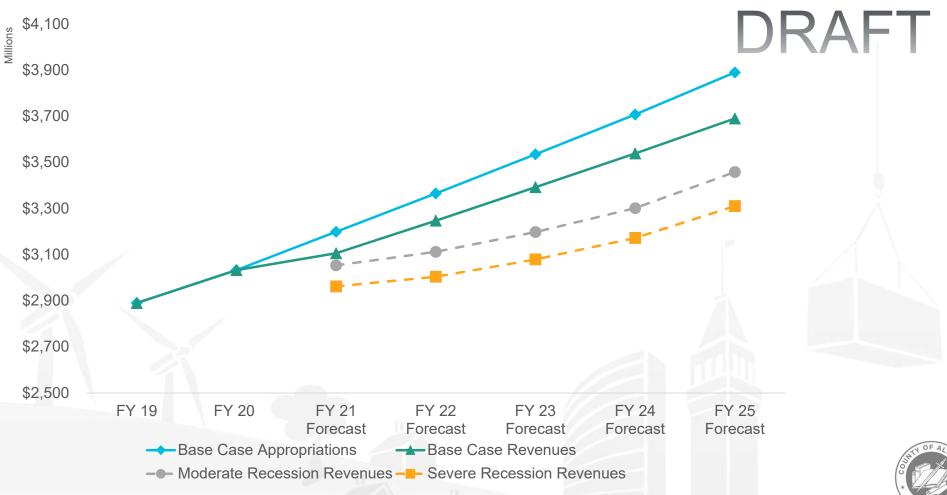
Spending at "Base Case" forecast level



Five-Year Forecast – Projected Budget Gaps (millions)
December 2019 and April 2020



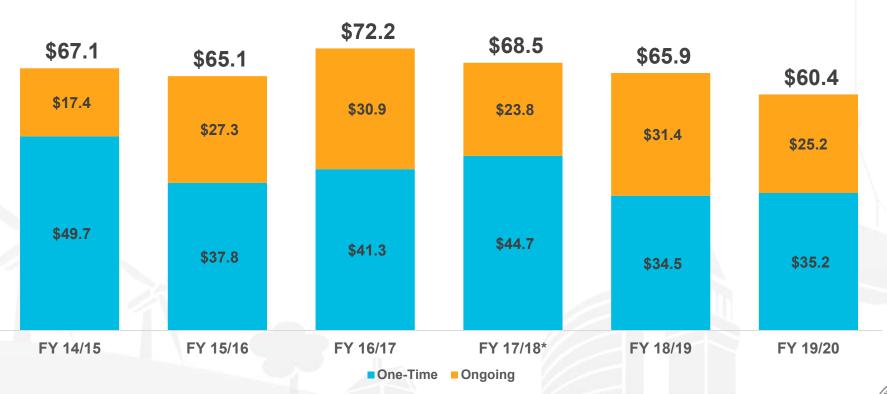
Recession Scenarios – Appropriations & Revenues



Prior Year Budget Balancing Strategies

(\$ in millions)

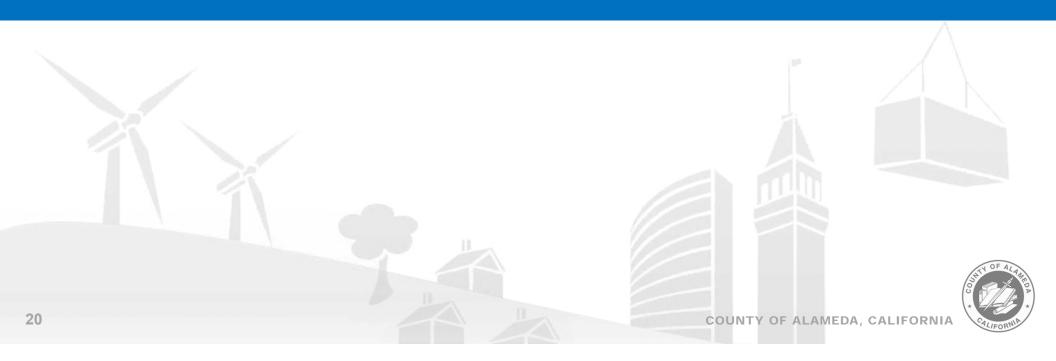




*FY 17/18 Budget Gap excludes the \$40 million estimated IHSS cost shift that was restored in VBB as part of new MOE arrangement



County Financing

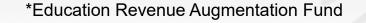


County Fiscal Dilemma

- Increasing demand for safety net services during economic downturns
- County revenue raising authority limited by:
 - Proposition 13 restricted property tax growth
 - Proposition 218 voter approval for tax increases
 - ERAF* State shifted property taxes to schools
- Progressive loss of control over local spending
- Most services are mandated by State/federal government
- Mandates have continued to increase; reimbursements delayed
- Transfer of responsibility from the State to counties
 - Realigned programs with inadequate ongoing funding





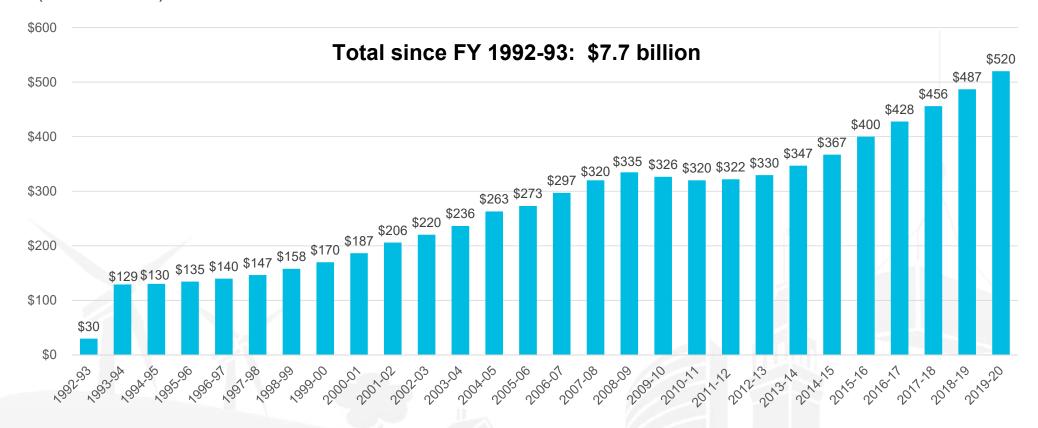




Alameda County ERAF Losses by Year

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(\$ in millions)



Alameda County Funding Gaps since ERAF

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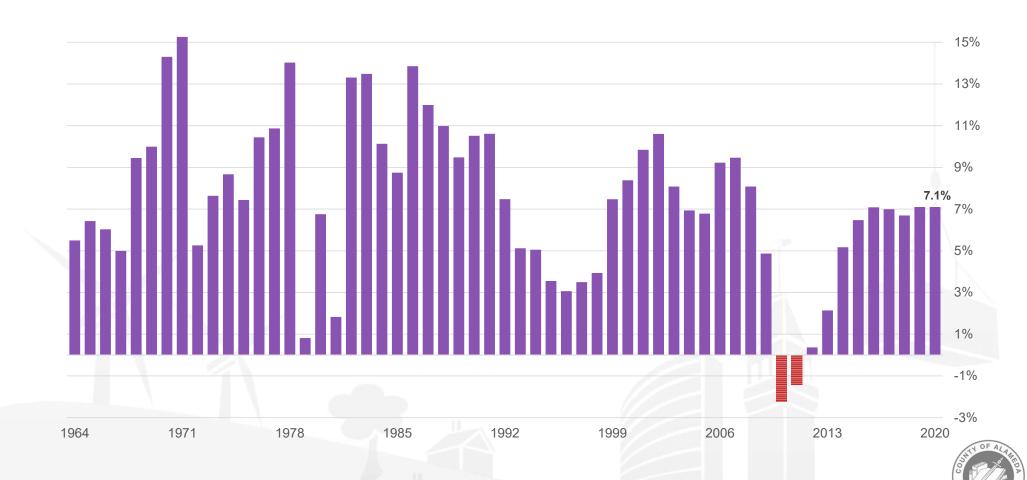
(\$ in millions)

Total since FY 1993-94: \$2.2 billion



Alameda County Assessment Roll Growth

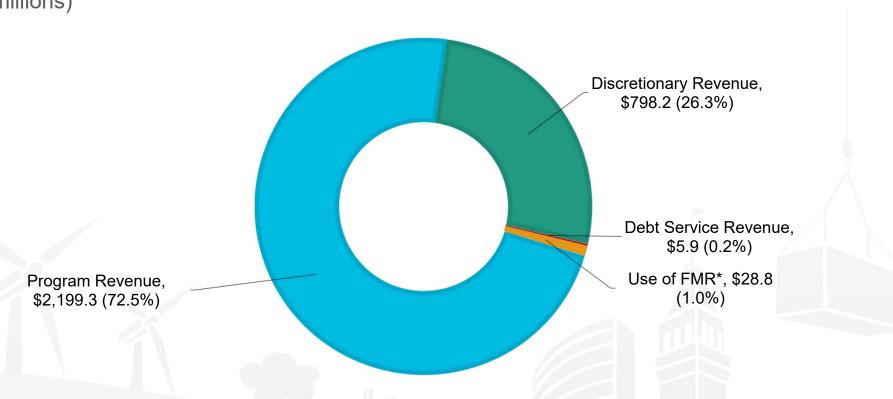




FY 2019-20 Final Budget

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Discretionary Revenue – Share of Total General Fund (\$ in millions)



Total General Fund: \$3,032.2 million



FY 2019-20 Final Budget

Discretionary Revenue by Source

Property Tax, \$484.1 (60.7%)

(\$ in millions)

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(2.9%)

Sales & Use Tax, \$23.4

Interest, \$17.4 (2.2%)

ERAF (Vehicle License Fee), \$227.1 (28.5%)

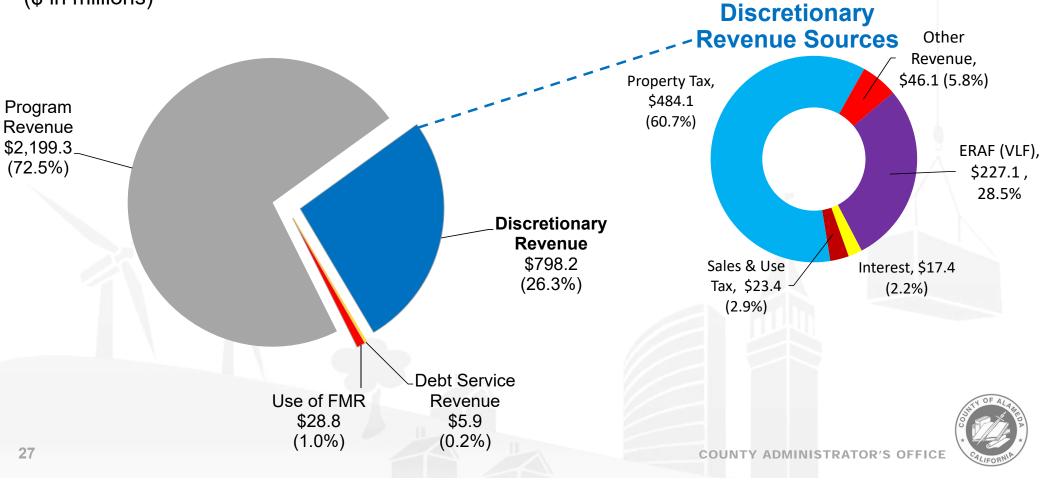
Total Discretionary Revenue: \$798.2 million



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Discretionary Revenue – Share of Total General Fund (\$ in millions)

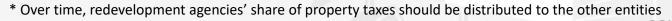


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Discretionary Revenue

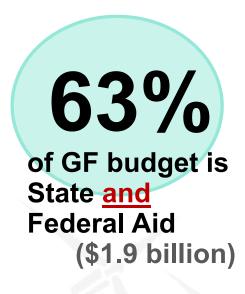
- Discretionary revenue is approximately 27% of the General Fund, but 90% is property tax-based
- Alameda County receives only 15 cents for every property tax dollar collected in the County

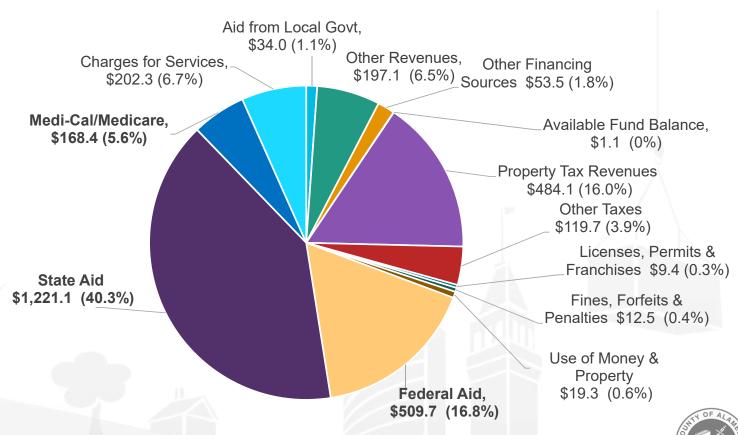






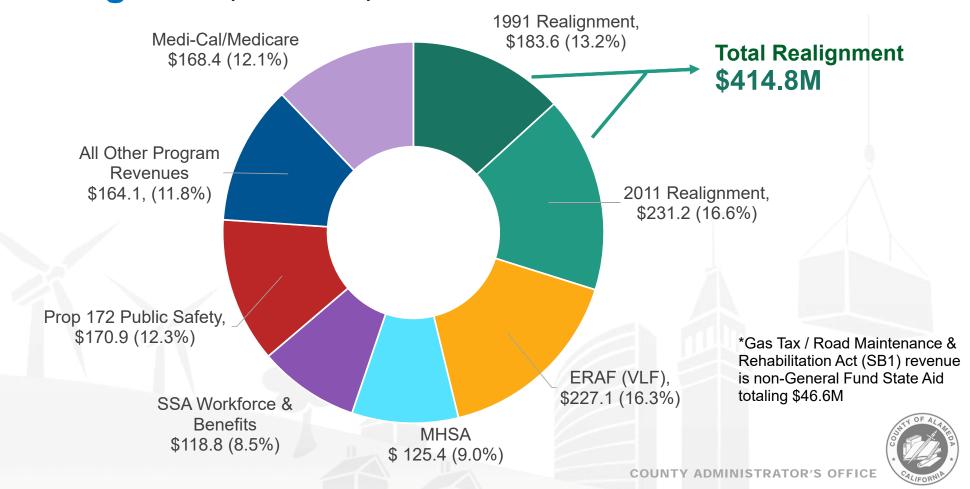
FY 2019-20 Final Budget – Financing by Source DRAF





Total General Fund: \$3,032.2 million

FY 2019-20: \$1.4B State Aid by Major Sources DRAFT and Programs (in millions)



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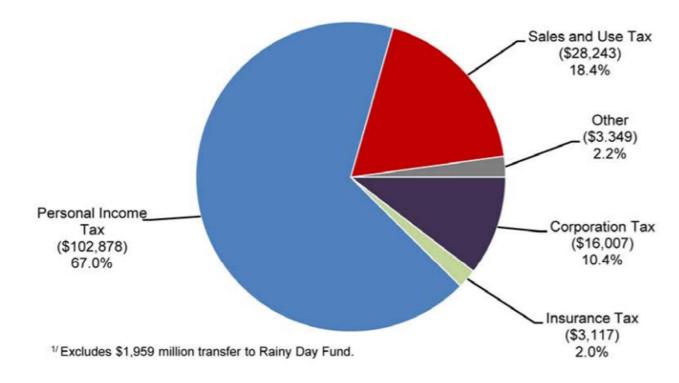
Reliance on Volatile State Revenues



2020-21

General Fund Revenues and Transfers 1/

(Dollars in Millions)





Revenue Impacts Overview



State Sales Tax-Based Revenues: \$610M

Realignment (1991 & 2011), Prop 172 Public Safety, Unincorporated Area

Personal Income Tax

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): **\$125M**

Local Revenues

- Measure A: Alameda Health System (75%) and County (25%) split revenues
 - FY 18-19 Remittances: **\$164M** AHS *(\$123M);* County *(\$41M)*
- Unincorporated Area Revenues: \$19M
 - Utility Users, Business License, Hotel & Lodging
- Property Tax
- Penalty & Fee Waivers
- Measure A1: Affordable Housing *

^{*}Measure A1 is a General Obligation Bond for Affordable Housing approved by voters in 2016 for \$580M. The first tranche of bonds issued total \$240M.



Other Pending Factors

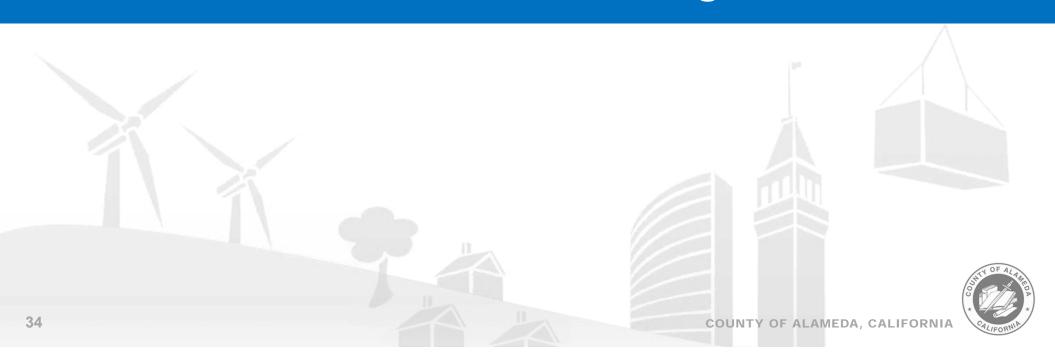
- Health Care challenges
 - Expiration of Medicaid waivers
 - Alameda Health System financial status
- Rising retirement costs
- Ongoing homelessness crisis
- Facility maintenance & capital needs
- Increased public safety costs
- Pending litigation
- Census 2020
- County structural funding gap one-time funding sources for ongoing uses
- COVID-19 global pandemic: revenues, caseloads, and cost impacts
 - Economic downturn





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FY 2020-21 MOE Budget



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2020-21 MOE Budget: Best Case Scenario

- MOE submissions represent year-over-year baseline changes
- MOE does not include COVID-19 impacts
 - Additional emergency costs
 - Additional caseload
 - Revenue reductions



FY 2020-21 MOE Budget: General Fund (in millions)

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Appropriation	\$3,120.9
Revenue	\$3,048.8
Funding Gap	\$ 72.1



FY 2020-21 MOE Budget

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(\$ in millions)

	FY 2019-20 FINAL	FY 2020-21 MOE	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Appropriation	\$3,032.2	\$3,120.9	\$88.7	2.9%
Revenue	\$3,032.2	\$3,048.8	\$16.6	0.6%
Funding Gap	\$0	\$72.1	\$72.1	
FTE Positions	7,931.1	7,987.0	55.9*	0.7%

^{*}Majority of the FTE increase is project positions (including 37.0 FTE from Probation pre-trial grant).



FY 2020-21 MOE Budget Net Cost Change by Program (in millions)

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Program	2019-20 FINAL Net Cost	2020-21 MOE Net Cost	Change	% Change
General Government	\$99.2	\$98.7	(\$0.4)	(0.4%)
Public Protection	\$347.5	\$387.8	\$40.2	11.6%
Public Assistance	\$69.3	\$73.6	\$4.3	6.2%
Health Care Services	\$139.7	\$159.5	\$19.9	14.2%
Subtotal Programs	\$655.7	\$719.6	\$63.9	9.7%



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FY 2020-21 MOE Budget Net Cost Change Non-Program (in millions)

Other Program	2019-20 FINAL Net Cost	2020-21 MOE Net Cost	Change	% Change
Capital	\$7.0	\$7.0	0	0%
Contingency / Reserves Debt Service / Designations	\$189.3	\$189.7	\$0.4	0.2%
One-time use of FMR	(\$28.8)		\$28.8	100%
Non-Program Financing	(\$823.2)	(\$844.2)	(\$21.0)	2.6%
Subtotal Others	(\$655.7)	(\$647.5)	\$8.2	1.3%
Subtotal Programs	\$655.7	\$719.6	\$63.9	9.7%
TOTAL	\$0	\$72.1	\$72.1	



FY 2020-21 MOE Budget

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(\$ in millions)

Program	Appropriation	Revenue	Net Cost	FTE
General Government	\$273.3	\$174.6	\$ 98.7	957.0
Public Protection	\$819.0	\$431.2	\$387.8	2,779.6
Public Assistance	\$887.3	\$813.7	\$ 73.6	2,604.8
Health Care Services	\$926.7	\$767.2	\$159.5	1,643.6
Subtotal Programs	\$2,906.3	\$2,186.7	\$719.6	7,985.0
Capital Projects	\$ 7.5	\$ 0.5	\$ 7.0	2.0
Contingency / Reserve Debt Service / Designations	\$207.2	\$17.5	\$189.7	0.0
Non-Program Financing	0	\$844.2	(\$844.2)	0.0
Subtotal Others	\$214.7	\$862.2	(\$647.5)	2.0
TOTAL	\$3,120.9	\$3,048.8	\$72.1	7,987.0



FY 2020-21 MOE Budget Net Cost Change by Program with FMR (in millions)

Program	NCC Change	Prior Year FMR Use	NCC Increase w/ FMR
General Government	(\$0.4)	\$17.8	\$17.4
Public Protection	\$40.2	\$4.0	\$44.1
Public Assistance	\$4.3	\$0.0	\$4.3
Health Care Services	\$19.9	\$7.0	\$26.9
Subtotal Programs	\$63.9	\$28.8	\$92.7
Subtotal Non-Program			(\$20.6)
TOTAL			\$72.1



Major Components of Net County Cost Change

(partial list, \$ in millions)

Appropriation changes	Net County Cost Change	
 Salary increases due to COLAs 	\$ 39.2	
Retirement increases	\$ 12.4	
Health insurance increases	\$ 4.3	
 Internal Service Fund increases 	\$ 9.4	
• 3.5% COLA for CBOs	\$ 4.1	
 3.5% COLA for Alameda Health System 	\$ 1.2	
 1% of discretionary revenue increase for capital and reserve 	ves \$ 0.6	
 IHSS MOE inflation and wage supplements 	\$ 5.1	
 Countywide coordination of homelessness services (HCSA) 	/OHCC) \$ 5.0	
 Adjustment for public safety CBO contracts 	\$ 17.2	
 Appropriation offset for public safety CBO contracts 	(\$ 4.3)	
 Net change in other expenditures 	(\$ 5.5)	
Revenue changes		
Prior-year use of FMR	\$ 28.8	
 One-time consumer fraud trust fund use 	\$ 2.3	
Other public safety adjustments	\$ 2.1	
 General Government adjustments 	\$ 3.5	
 Health care expired grants and other one-time revenues 	\$ 1.5	
 SSA Children and Family Services revenue adjustments 	\$ 1.8	
2011 Realignment revenue	\$ 4.2	
 One-time use of 1991 Realignment 	(\$ 2.2)	
 Revenue offset for public safety CBO contracts 	(\$ 5.3)	
Discretionary revenue increases	(\$ 21.0)	
Net change in other revenues	\$ 0.9	
42 TOTAL	\$72.1M	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

FY 2020-21 Discretionary Revenues

Changes from FY 2019-20

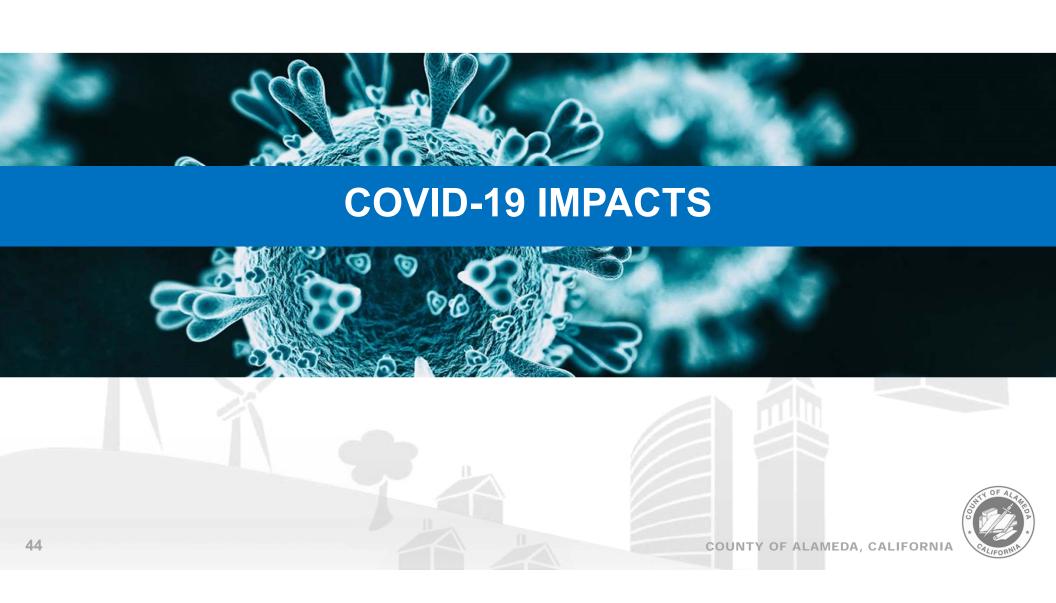
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- Motor Vehicle ERAF
- Sales & Use Taxes
- Interest revenue
- Other revenues
- TOTAL

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- \$ 0.0
- \$ 0.0
- \$ 0.0
- \$ 0.0
- \$ 21.0
- \$ 21.0M





COVID-19 County Revenue Impacts

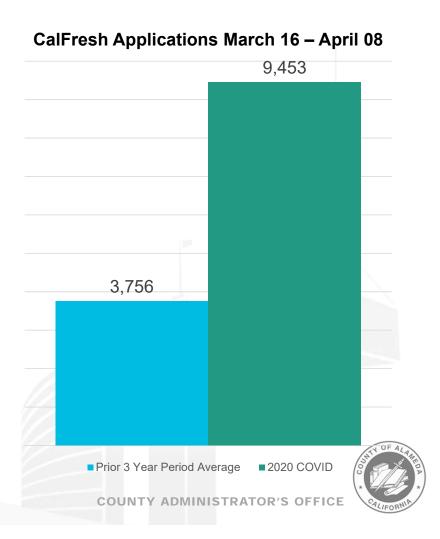


- Census 2020 undercount
- Lower sales tax-based revenues (Realignment, Prop 172, Measure A)
- MHSA funding
- Decreased property tax collections and revenues due to declining real estate value/market
- Reduced collections (intercept programs suspended)
- Decreased federal and State allocations
- Terminated grant funding
- Other taxes and fees



COVID-19 County Residents – Human Impacts RAFT

- Financial challenges for service providers
- Waived requirements for public benefit programs
- Redirected work hours Activation of Disaster Service Workers
 - CA Government Code §3100
- Increased caseload: unemployment, uninsured/Medi-Cal enrollees, CalFresh, General Assistance, demand for physical and behavioral health services
- Limited or suspended: access to County facilities and in-person resources/assistance



COVID-19 Increased Unanticipated Costs DRAFT

- Emergency efforts
 - Shelter for unsheltered
 - Food distribution
 - Childcare for essential workers
 - PPE and emergency medical supplies/equipment needs
 - Need for emergency/public safety personnel = labor costs
 - Reliance on IT and operations infrastructure
 - Logistical costs to relocate persons experiencing homelessness to temporary shelters
 - Janitorial support to ensure sanitization of public/private spaces
- Stock market impacts on pensions

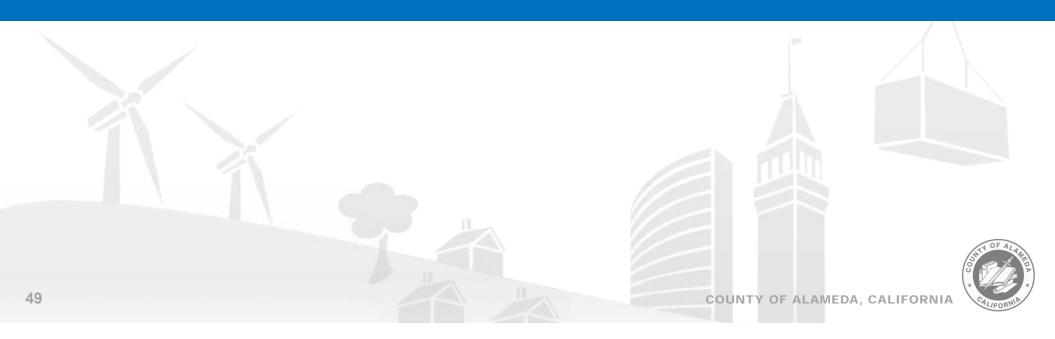


COVID-19 Impacted Programs – State/Federal DRAFT

- Personal Income Tax MHSA-based programs
- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) suspended
 - Expiration of the Medi-Cal 1115 waiver (Medi-Cal 2020) and Medi-Cal 1915(b) waiver unanswered
- Forecasted 10% reduction for Measure A & other sales tax-based revenues (including but not limited to: essential health services, other health, social services programs)
- Medi-Cal programs lower client utilization and claims
- Realigned programs
 - In Home Supportive Services
 - Public Safety Realignment
- Title IV-E



Discussion of Funding Gap Reduction Options



Recap

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- Economic Updates
- County Financing 60% State and federally funded
- FY 20-21 MOE Budget, Funding Gap & Options
- In additional to closing the gap for a baseline MOE budget
 - COVID-19 impacts to be considered
 - Other pending factors (AHS financial status, homelessness crisis, rising retirement, pending litigation, increased public safety costs, maintenance & capital needs)

Next Steps

- Finalize Values-Based Budgeting (VBB) reduction plans by Mid-May
 - Agencies/departments to prioritize ongoing strategies v. one-time
 - Countywide strategies



