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## **City of Industry Passes FY 2017-2018 Budget** ***Budget Reflects Council's Vision and Commitment to Governmental and Fiscal Transparency; Continues to Grow as an Economic Engine for the Region***

City of Industry, CA – Today, the City of Industry passed its FY 2017-18 budget using its zero-based and participatory budget approach garnering input from the different departments across the city to evaluate and assess the strongest budget possible.

“This year’s budget is consistent with the Council’s vision and commitment to operate with governmental and fiscal transparency,” said Industry City Manager Paul Philips. “The City is continuing to lead as the economic and employment standard bearer in San Gabriel Valley and across Southern California.”

### **Key Provisions in the FY 2017-18 Budget:**

- **Zero-Based Budgeting:** The City continued its second year using zero-based budgeting which aligns the budgets of the City's planned operations and services for the fiscal year to projected "realistic" costs of providing those services to the community.
- **Overall Revenues:** The FY2017-18 Proposed Citywide Budget across all City funds totals \$193.3 million, and is supported by \$204.5 million in revenues, and will achieve an operating surplus across all City funds.

The City continues to have a solid and robust revenue base, which serves as the foundation for its economic viability and stable economy in the region over the last several years. Unlike other cities, the City greatly benefits from its strong economic industries, as revenues generated from sales taxes account for over 60 percent of all General Fund revenues primarily from its auto, commercial, manufacturing, and consumer retail industries.

- **FY 2017-18 Operating Budget for the General Fund:** The proposed operating budget for the General Fund totals \$46.5 million in expenditures and will be supported by \$56.0 million in revenues. Due to the City's strong financials and revenue base, the City is projected to have a \$9.5 million operating surplus in FY 2017-18.
- **Capital Improvement Program:** The City continues to invest heavily into its assets, capital infrastructure, streets and roads, and large-scale regional improvements. This year's budget will total \$45.6 million, and will primarily support construction of major grade separation projects and freeway improvements, street improvements, and major improvements to the City's Expo Center and City facilities. Projects include:

**57/60 Confluence Project:** Continued improvements to this regionally critical interchange are currently in construction, or, will enter construction in the FY 2017-18 budget year, including the improvement of the Grand Avenue freeway ramps by Caltrans and the construction of the Lemon Avenue freeway ramps by the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority ("ACE").

This is a major regional infrastructure project, as it will not only benefit the City, but will have huge impacts on neighboring communities in Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, and the City of Walnut, as well as the thousands of commuters and patrons that travel this area on a daily basis.

**Grade Separation Projects:** Through its continued long-standing partnership with ACE, the City will invest close to \$6 million dollars in FY 2017-18 as the Fairway Drive and Fullerton Road grade separation projects will continue construction. The Puente Avenue grade separation construction also continues, and the Turnbull Canyon grade separation will enter its design phase.

**Expo Center and other City Facility Improvements:** The City is developing a master plan to address long-term deferred maintenance and capital improvements at the Expo Center, and all other City-owned properties, by reviewing the condition of all City assets to protect the its investments into the future, improving ADA compliance and accessibility for the disabled, and ensuring that ensuring that all properties are building code compliant and integrate sustainable technologies.

- **Significant Savings Due to the Reorganization of the Finance Department:** The new Finance Department will be in place for the whole fiscal year, and yield the City significant savings of over \$600,000 annually.
- **Upgrades in Financial System to Improve Efficiencies:** The City will undertake a major upgrade of its financial system, which is a significant IT project that will not only improve financial efficiencies, but also impact development services, planning, and code enforcement. The City will continue to evaluate the current purchasing and financial policies, and solicit a citywide Fee Study.
- **One-Stop Shop:** The City will be consolidating its Permitting, Plan Checking, & Building Code functions to form a "One-Stop Shop" to perform these functions at one central location in City Hall. Los Angeles County officials, and all contracted planning and engineering staff will perform these services at the newly renovated front-desk area in City Hall, which will be completed by July 2017. This will create greater efficiency in processing permits and fees through improved coordination and communication, as well as provide greater convenience to customers who will now identify the City as its service provider. In addition, this will improve revenue recovery opportunities for the City and improve fiscal controls over its development processes.

For more information on the city's budget, please go to: [www.cityofindustry.org](http://www.cityofindustry.org).

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