

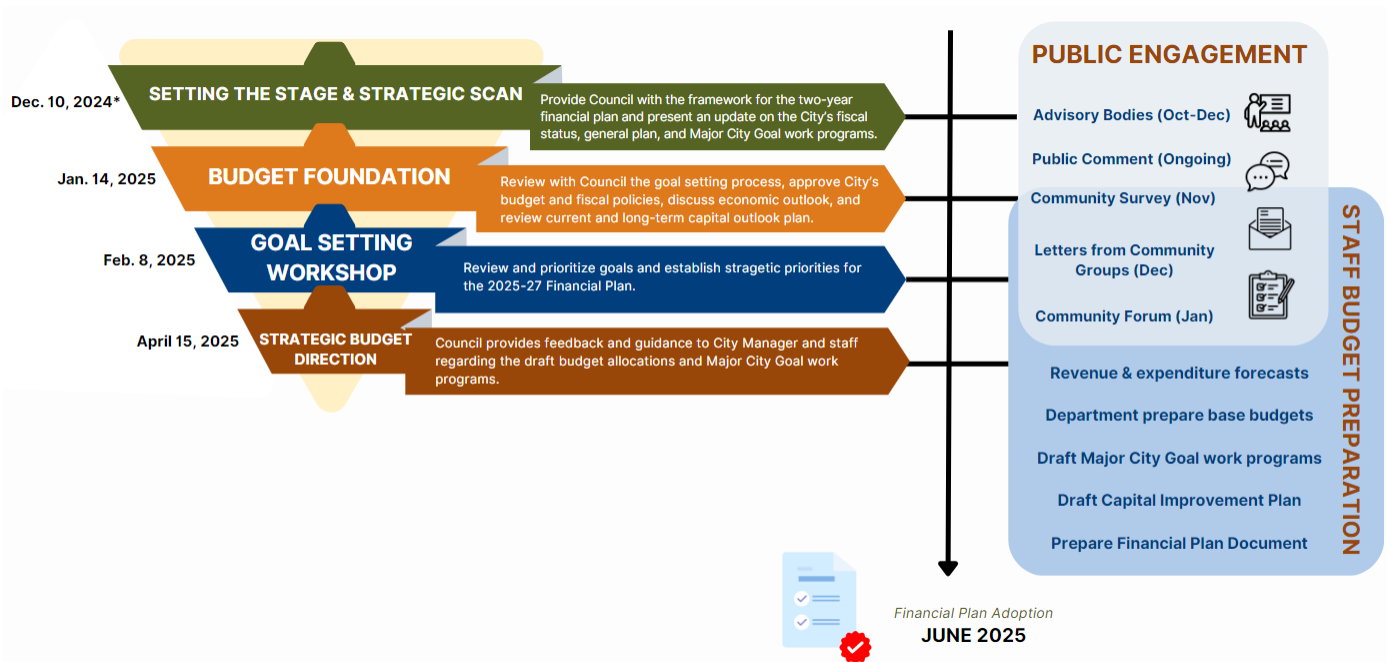
ATTACHMENT D - DRAFT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY

About the Community Survey:

The City will conduct a survey as the first step in the process of gathering community feedback to support development of the 2025-27 Financial Plan. Results from the survey will help refine the focus areas for the Community Forum and the topics for Council to consider and discuss during the goal-setting process. The City uses an online civic engagement platform called [Open City Hall](#) to collect survey responses. The survey will be open to the public for four weeks, from November 12, 2024, to December 13, 2024. After the survey closes, the results will be sent to Council before the holidays as part of a package of materials to review for the “Budget Foundation” meeting in January (see Attachment C for more information). The City uses its [Public Engagement and Noticing Manual](#) as the guide for encouraging the broadest possible participation in the survey.

Below is the proposed survey for the 2025-27 Financial Plan:

What should the City Council consider as the City’s top priorities during the next two years?



Every two years, the City hosts a community-based goal setting process to establish the top priorities to make San Luis Obispo an even better place to live, work, and play. Through its budget process, the City Council then matches the resources necessary to achieve these priorities while also balancing the need to continue to provide the services that the community requires. The adopted budget then enables the City to provide high quality services, programs, and projects with the community’s priorities in mind.

The City Council adopted the following [Major City Goals for the 2023-25 Financial Plan](#):

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- Economic Resiliency, Cultural Vitality & Fiscal Sustainability
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Housing and Homelessness
- Climate Action, Open Space & Sustainable Transportation

The City of San Luis Obispo has a strong foundation of sound financial management and fiscal policies as well as diverse revenue sources (including the [Local Revenue Measure](#)). These policies and revenue sources have provided the City with several years of expanding financial resources. However, cities across the nation, including San Luis Obispo, are expected to face more financial constraints in the years ahead. This current position is a shift from prior budget cycles which have supported significant augmentations to City services. While the City does not expect to be able to significantly expand ongoing programming in the next few years, your input is essential in helping the City Council make decisions about our City's future budget and how to best use existing resources to prioritize the services that our community wants to see.

The City Council is seeking your input on what the City's Major City Goals should be for its 2025-27 Financial Plan.

To learn more about the Financial Plan process, **click here**. (link to be added once published)

Question Section 1:

Which statement best describes you? Click all that apply

I live in the City of San Luis Obispo.

I work in the City of San Luis Obispo.

I play (recreate, shop, eat, etc.) in the City of San Luis Obispo.

Other

Question Section 2:

What should the City Council consider as the City's top priorities during the next two years (select your highest five priorities)? The following are the priorities, listed in alphabetical order, that have been consistently identified by the community in the past. You may also add your own.

Climate Action (e.g., implement the City's Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for the impacts of climate change, and develop the local green economy)

Childcare (e.g., support policies, partnerships, and incentives to help expand childcare options)

Cultural Vitality (e.g. preserve arts and culture, expand public art programs, and support community partnerships)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (e.g., focus on activities and initiatives that support marginalized racial, ethnic, and cultural groups)

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Downtown Vitality (e.g., continue to improve safety and cleanliness, invest in infrastructure and maintenance in the Downtown)

Fiscal Sustainability and Responsibility (e.g., continue to implement efficiencies, strategic economic development, and plans to address unfunded liabilities)

Homelessness (e.g., partner with the County and community-based organizations to implement programs that prevent and support people experiencing homelessness, continue City Mobile Crisis Unit and Community Action Team efforts)

Housing Supply and Affordability (e.g., facilitate increased production of all housing types designed to be economically accessible to the area workforce and to low and very low-income residents)

Safe Housing and Neighborhood Wellness (e.g., promote safe housing and neighborhoods, expand renter protection programs, and support initiatives that foster community connection and inclusion among residents)

Infrastructure Maintenance (e.g., maintenance of roads, sidewalks, parks, and other City infrastructure)

Open Space (e.g., preserve and enhance open space and natural areas)

Public Safety (e.g., expand Fire/Police services, response for emergencies and disaster preparedness)

Sustainable and Multi-Modal Transportation (e.g., enhance accessible transit, bicycle, and pedestrian opportunities)

Other

Other

Other

Other

Other

If you selected the option "Other" as a response to the question above, please elaborate here. (Please use one line per "Other" selection).

Question Section 3:

Given the current fiscal constraints, new projects or services may require prioritization and potential trade-offs unless they can generate offsetting revenue. How might the City adjust current projects or services to accomplish any new priorities?

Question Section 4:

Thank you for participating in the Community Priorities Survey. Your responses will be used to help shape the future of the City of San Luis Obispo.

If you would like to share your thoughts on how the City could implement the Major City Goals please come to the Community Forum at the Ludwick Community Center (864 Santa Rosa St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401) on January 23, 2025 at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend the Community Forum, please send your feedback to: CommunityForum@SLOCity.org.