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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Member Mary Waters, At Large

From: Tanya Stoudemire, Acting Chief Financial Officer Janya Standamur

Date: May 6, 2025

Re: Responses to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City Council Budget Questions

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 29, 2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the City Council.

1. How will the sunset of ARPA dollars impact City Council staff positions that were allocated to provide oversight of those monies? Have all positions been transferred to City funding?

ARPA positions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if there are sufficient General Fund resources to absorb those positions.

2. Why are Salary costs decreasing yet the recommendation is to add a net of 3 positions to Council staff?

Salary costs have decreased due to a restructuring of positions within the organization. Several higher-salaried positions were removed, while positions with lower salary ranges were added in their place. Although all current staff members in filled positions received wage increases, the overall salary cost for FY26 reflects a reduction due to the salary range difference between the higher positions removed and the lower-paying roles that have been introduced.