

# City of Corona, California



## Fiscal Year 2012-13 - Adopted Annual Budget

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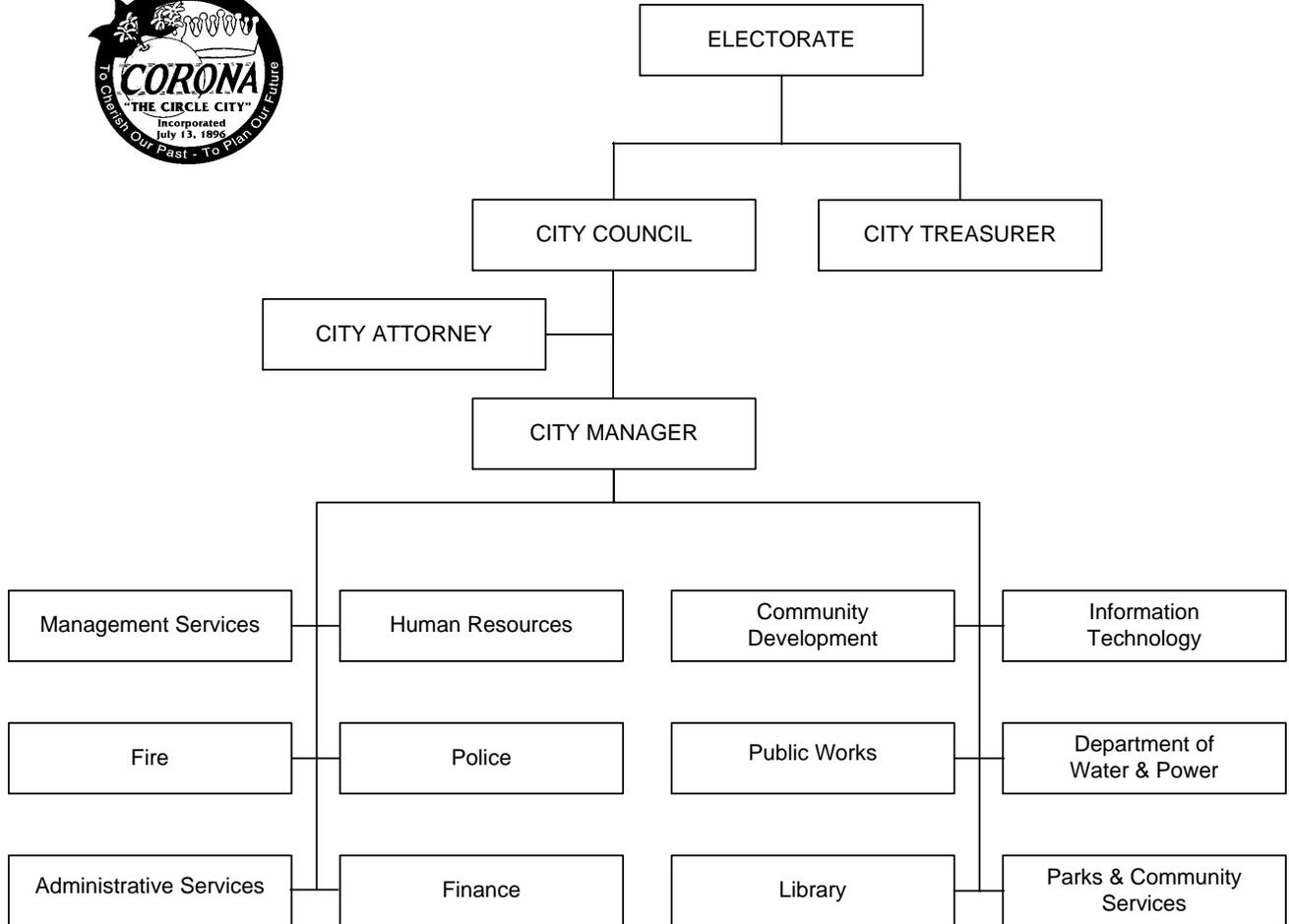
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## City Organizational Chart

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The City of Corona received the Excellence in Operating Budgeting Award for Fiscal Year 2011-12 from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers. Cities must submit their document each year for review. This represents the eighth year the City has been awarded for Excellence in Operating Budgeting by the organization.

To receive this award, cities must prepare an informative yet readable document which meets the criteria of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers. The document must contain information that conveys to the reader the City's direction in regards to policies, operations, and finances. Additionally, the document must present a jurisdictional profile containing information on the local economy and City demographics.

The City of Corona will be submitting its Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 to the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers organization for review.



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## City of Corona Fiscal Year 2012-13 City Manager's Budget Message

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HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND CITIZENS OF CORONA:

I am pleased to present the City of Corona's Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget. The budget provides our City with core essential services, and although the budget reflects a decrease in staffing levels, the citizens of Corona will have a balanced budget. Our citizens will continue to benefit from an array of outstanding municipal services, with a local government that is responsive to their needs. Corona offers affordable housing, outstanding community services, and an improved quality of life for many.

Emerging from budgetary reductions has encouraged the departments to think creatively and provide services more efficiently and effectively. I am proud of our City's dedicated workforce, we remain a safe city, and we look for and identify opportunities for economic development. Corona's commitment to maintain parks, our library, streets, curbs, sidewalks and gutters is on-going and we strive to provide excellent services to our residents and businesses.

As our local and national economies emerge from a recessionary period, we begin to see signs that the economy is stabilizing in the State of California. Locally, the impacts following a rapid decline in sales tax receipts, limited development, and the decline of the housing market, hints that recovery may take several years to return to previous levels; however, the financial well-being of the City depends on enhancing the City's property and sales tax revenue base as well as increasing the number of quality jobs available to our residents. We see evidence that the City is beginning to emerge, as we project growth in the City's primary revenue sources, property and sales taxes for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

At the City, we are committed to providing tools to keep the public informed by use of the website [www.DiscoverCorona.com](http://www.DiscoverCorona.com), the Inner Circle e-newsletter, Twitter, and the City's Facebook pages. Our budget is a key document to communicate to our residents our goals for the upcoming fiscal year. I am pleased to share them with you.

### FY 2012-13 Budget Summary

Citywide the total appropriations are \$311,112,763 with 83 active funds included for review. Major components of the budget are general city services, utilities, housing, internal services, debt service and various capital improvement activities.

### General Fund

To achieve the goal of a balanced budget in the General Fund, Management continues to work with the employees associations. In December 2011 a supplemental early retirement incentive program called Public Agency Retirement System, or PARS, was approved. There were 55 full time citywide employees who participated, 49 of those positions were eliminated from the General

Fund. This program netted the General Fund a savings of approximately \$4.6 million for the next five years, while funding the annuity for the program.

Around mid-fiscal year, the Fire and Police Departments continued to support the budget objectives and 18 positions were also eliminated or reclassified. This is a combined savings of \$3.0 million annually. Additionally, the Corona Fire Association reduced their scheduled salary increase from 5% to 3% for July 1, 2013, which will help the City in following year's budget projections.

In May 2012, another six vacant positions were removed from the budget, and the General Fund will recognize about \$350,000 in additional savings.

The City has been fortunate that we have made prior ongoing reductions and early decisions to put savings aside to assist in managing the economic downturn over the last several years. There has been a reliance on the use of these savings to balance the ongoing revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. The adopted budget does show a deficit, however, our year-end projections anticipate the General Fund to be a balanced budget, with the minor use of onetime savings.

Staff will continue to monitor revenues and expenditures on a regular basis and address concerns as they arise. We will continue to maximize our existing resources and take a prudent approach to our expenditures.

### Economic Development

To achieve the goal of enhancing Economic Development, Corona will continue to develop into a well-planned and self-sustaining community. We will look for ways to provide resources for job growth and we will continue to provide leadership and networking with Corona businesses.

Corona like many other cities in California had a Redevelopment Agency. Effective February 1, 2012 the California Supreme Court ruled to eliminate all Redevelopment Agencies throughout the state. On February 15, 2012 the City of Corona elected to become a Successor Agency. The Successor Agency is expected to wind down the Agency affairs, and it is overseen by an oversight board, comprised of representatives of other affected taxing agencies, until the debts of the Agency are paid for.

Prior to the court ruling, the Redevelopment Agency in October 2011 eliminated eight positions. Duties that remain, in addition to Successor Agency and Economic Development, are those that continue participating in affordable housing, Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Grant, and Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants.

### Infrastructure Investment

To achieve the goal of investing in our future, the City is committed to infrastructure improvements. In reviewing the Capital Improvements Program budget it is important to keep in mind that most projects are funded by restricted revenues sources or grants.

The adopted budget includes \$3.2 million of voter approved Measure A funds for major and local pavement rehabilitation projects to maintain the City's roads which are used by both local citizens and commuters. There is approximately \$1.3 million in capital project funding from Gas Tax

revenues in which the money is restricted to research, planning, construction, improvement, and maintenance of public streets.

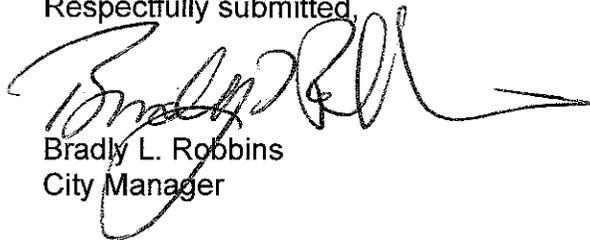
Major water, water reclamation and reclaimed water system infrastructure projects include the Mangular Blending Facility, Small Waterline Replacements, the Water Reclamation Facility #1 Biosolids Processing Upgrade, the Water Reclamation Facility #2 Headwork Screening Replacement and Time Schedule Enforcement, Small Sewer Line Replacement, and the installation of City Park, Stagecoach Park, and Butterfield Park Reclaimed Waterlines. Approved infrastructure projects are listed in the Capital Projects section of the budget.

#### Concluding Remarks

The City is committed to fiscal responsibility, effective resource management, and providing the highest service levels to our residents. We are aware that this is a dynamic process and anticipate there will be ongoing economic issues that will require additional attention as we progress through the fiscal year. The City will remain vigilant in monitoring our budget process and will evaluate all impacts accordingly. We are committed to providing services that are responsive, innovative and fiscally sound.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor and City Council for your direction and input toward the preparation of the budget. The strong leadership provided, has ensured that Corona has appropriate fiscal direction that has prepared us well for the future. I want to thank our exceptional City team members, in all departments that help produce a balanced budget while preserving essential service levels for the community. The full involvement of the employee groups and management represents a whole commitment to this process. Additionally, appreciation is given to the Finance staff and Kerry D. Eden for their efforts in preparing this document.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley L. Robbins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bradly L. Robbins  
City Manager

