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Stanislaus County Final Budget Released for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County officials are releasing their Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Recommended Final Budget for consideration as the final spending plan for the current fiscal year. A Public Hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Recommended Final Budget has been scheduled for 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. The meeting will take place at 1010 10th Street in Modesto in the basement Board Chambers.

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Recommended Final Budget totals \$1,133,223,670 in appropriations (authorized spending) which reflects a \$14.2 million (1.3%) increase over the 2016-2017 Adopted Proposed Budget. Total Revenue is now projected at \$1,090,451,186 which reflects an \$8.9 million (.82%) increase over the 2016-2017 Adopted Proposed Budget.

"Our County finances remain strong and we continue to focus on the restoration of critical public safety services, careful spending and long-term sustainability" stated Stan Risen, Chief Executive Officer for Stanislaus County. "We take very seriously the stewardship of the public funds for which we have been entrusted and have used the recent improvement in our economy to retire debt early and rebuild our reserves."

The 2016-2017 Final Budget staffing recommendations include 43 additional positions to the allocation count. The Community Service Agency is requesting 23 positions that are fully funded by State and federal funds to support mandated implementation of Continuum of Care Reform to improve permanency outcomes for youth in foster care. The Parks Department is requesting to transition 16 positions that are 30-hour per week, part-time positions to full-time status. The remaining four positions are in the District Attorney's Office and supported by grant funding.

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The current full-time position allocation count is 4272 and will increase to 4315 upon Final Budget approval. With the recommended changes, the number of full-time allocated positions will still be 6.3% below the high of 4603 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Discretionary revenue is unrestricted money the County is free to use for things like law enforcement, health care, parks or many other services. Property tax and sales tax are two key components of discretionary revenue. Discretionary revenue is budgeted at \$193.9 million in the Final Budget and is up by \$3.9 million from the 2016-2017 Adopted Proposed Budget.

The Stanislaus County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Recommended Final Budget is available for public review. It can be viewed at the Board of Supervisors Office of the County of Stanislaus at 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500 in Modesto. It is also available on the County's website, www.stancounty.com/budget or at any of the thirteen libraries located throughout Stanislaus County.

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