The City of Irvine, one of the nation’s largest master-planned communities, is a culturally diverse city of more than 276,000 residents encompassing 66 square miles in the heart of Orange County. In 2017, Irvine earned the distinction as the most fiscally healthy large city in the United States by Truth in Accounting, and Sunset Magazine ranked Irvine as one of the Best Places to Live in highlighting its 20 Western Dream Towns.

Irvine, the 15th largest city in the state, was the third-fastest growing in 2017, according to the California Department of Finance. Incorporated in 1971, Irvine has strategically grown into one of the safest cities in the country, promoting environmental stewardship, state-of-the-art transportation programs and systems, an enterprising business environment, stellar educational institutions, and a high quality of life. Irvine has set aside more than 16,000 acres of open space. For additional information about the City of Irvine, visit cityofirvine.org/econdev.

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Irvine is one of the safest cities in America, with the lowest rate of violent crime per capita of any city in the nation with a population of 250,000 or more. Through the City Council’s leadership, Irvine continually focuses resources on maintaining a safe environment for residents, businesses, and visitors. The City’s strategies are based on the assumption that prevention is one of the most important and, in the long run, most cost-effective means of sustaining a safe and secure community.

**Community Overview**

**Demographics**
- Date of Incorporation: Dec. 28, 1971
- Form of Government: Charter Law, City Council and City Manager
- Population: 276,176
- City Tree: Camphor
- City Flower: Lily of the Nile
- City Vegetable: Asparagus
- Incorporated Area: 66 square miles
- Preserved Open Space: 6,934 acres
- Elevation: 45 Feet (City Hall)
- Housing Dwelling Units: 106,331
- Registered Voters: 117,829
- Ethnicity:
  - Asian: 43.1%
  - White: 39.8%
  - Hispanic: 11.4%
  - African American: 1.0%
  - Other: 4.7%
- Employment:
  - Unemployment Rate: 2.9%
  - Employment Base: 274,653
- Education:
  - High School Graduates: 97%
  - College Graduates: 68%
- Parks and Landscape Areas:
  - Community Parks: 21
  - Neighborhood Parks: 41
  - Athletic Fields: 96
  - Sports Courts: 141
  - Sports Fields/Turf (acres): 274
- Transportation:
  - Circulation System: 2,034 lane miles
  - On-street Bikeways: 301 miles
  - Off-street Bikeways: 61.8 miles
EXPENDITURES

The City’s FY 2018-19 total General Fund budgeted expenditures are $199.7 million, an increase of $3.6 million, or 1.9 percent, from the previous fiscal year. Although Irvine’s population has grown more than 30 percent in the past 10 years, adding pressure on service demands and infrastructure, the costs per resident have remained relatively flat over the same time period due to Irvine’s dedication to strong fiscal accountability.

TOTAL REVENUES – $199.8 MILLION

RESOURCES

Total General Fund resources for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 are budgeted at $199.8 million, an increase of $7.4 million, or 3.9 percent, from the previous fiscal year.

SALES TAX

For every $100 in taxable sales in Irvine, one dollar goes directly to the City, supporting public safety, parks, streets, and much more. Visit cityofirvine.org/shopirvine to find out how sales tax dollars work for you.

PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

WHERE THE 1 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX GOES

As Irvine’s largest revenue generator, property tax is collected by the County and allocated according to state law among cities, counties, school districts, and special districts.

SALES TAX

(SALES TAX [CURRENT TAX RATE IS 7.75%])

CITY OF IRVINE SHARE
STATE GENERAL FUND
PUBLIC SAFETY PROP 172
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TAX
COUNTY SHARE

SALES TAX RESOURCES FALLS TO $199,799,497

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) identifies major public improvements to the City’s infrastructure, and is used to plan and manage the City’s growth.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FY 2018-19

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS $34,063,515
STREETS & MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS $28,922,586
GREAT PARK IMPROVEMENTS $11,701,100
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS $200,000
TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS $75,467,211