Learning Objectives

• Introduction to the Assessor-Recorder

• Revenues and achievements

• Proposed Budget for FY20-21 and FY21-22
Introducing the Assessor-Recorder

❖ CA state function (except transfer tax)
❖ Responsibilities
  ❖ Assess property
  ❖ Record documents
  ❖ Grant exemptions
Department Divisions

**RECORDER**
- 200,000 documents processed annually.
- Issue Marriage Certificates.
- Collect transfer tax.

**TRANSACTIONS**
- Review sales transactions for assessability.
- Process transfers between legal entities.

**REAL PROPERTY**
- Locate real property, identify ownership and apply taxable value.

**EXEMPTIONS**
- Grant annual exemptions to homeowner’s, non-profits, hospitals, schools and other educational organizations.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**
- Locate and assess business personal property such as machinery, equipment and leasehold improvements.
Assessor’s Office Share of General Fund Revenues

$3.3 Billion in property tax revenue

Federal funding 4.6%
State funding 13.1%
Business taxes 17.1%
Other local taxes 18.6%
Property tax 31.8%

Source: SF Controller’s Office Budget and Appropriations Ordinance FY2019-20 and FY2020-21
Assessor’s Office Recent Successes

By the numbers

- Winner of Good Government Award 2020 (SPUR)
- Closed decades old backlog for first time in 25 years!
- This means taxpayers are no longer burdened with multiple years of “catch up” bills.
- Quicker resolution of outstanding assessment appeals – halved our risk of refunding property taxes from adverse appeals.
- In-progress new construction added $7.2B ($130M revenue) to the roll in 2019.

- $500 M+
  - Generated over revenue expectations
- $545 M
  - in ERAF windfall funds
- $38 M
  - in under-reported transfer tax
- $2.6B
  - Increased bonding capacity in 5 years
Budget Focus

Maintaining our Mission and Objectives

➢ Keeping pace with new assessments and appeals
➢ Standardizing processes for fairness

Securing our Technology Systems

➢ Property Assessment and Tax System
➢ Recorder System
## Five Year Comparison

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*Budget includes expenses for Property Assessment and Tax System project for the Assessor’s Office, Treasurer and Tax Collector’s Office, and Controller’s Office.
## Proposed Budget

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Next Steps

- February 21 - Submission to Controller and Mayor’s Office
- June 1 – Mayor’s Proposed Budget
- June to July – Board Review of Budget
- August 1 – Adoption of the Final Budget
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