

San Francisco's \$6.8 billion budget approved with great praise

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In an 11-0 vote, the Board of Supervisors approved Mayor Ed Lee's proposed \$6.8 billion budget for the fiscal year that began July 1. The vote came with heaps of praise about how the process was different than other years.

"We worked through very difficult issues, but we showed that we can come together to get things done without enormous drama," Board of Supervisors President David Chiu said.

The Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee, led by **Carmen Chu**, had made about \$17 million worth of changes to the proposed budget, which included restoring cuts to social services and funding a police academy class.

Chu said there remains a number of challenges facing The City's budget, which she will be focused on during the fiscal year. That includes what happens with the state's budget, the realignment proposal that will increase San Francisco's jail population and the fate of The City's Redevelopment Agency.

With the approval of the budget, The City faces next fiscal year a deficit of \$200 million to \$300 million.

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