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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

March 2, 2007

To: County Judge Eckels and
Commissioners Lee, Garcia,
Radack and Eversole

Re. **FY 2007-08 Budgets**

Enclosed are schedules and materials for the FY 2007-08 budgets which will be effective for the period of March 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008.

The county's general fund expenditures for the year ending February 28, 2007 are projected to be \$1,119,492,511, an increase of 8.7% compared to the previous year's expenditures of \$1,029,598,182.

The available cash balance in the general fund at February 28 is projected at \$205.4 million with \$38.1 million encumbered and \$167.3 million of expenditures, or 14.94%, unreserved. The Auditor's Office will provide final adjustments at a later date for cash and modified accrual fund balances.

The estimate by the Auditor of available resources for FY 2007-08, including the above balance, is \$1,286,985,451, which is 3.6% more than the previous year's adjusted estimate of \$1,242,690,995, and 3.4% less than the estimated actual for FY 2006-07 of \$1,332,808,940.

The following table shows the general fund resources by category based on the Auditor's revenue estimates.

<u>General Fund</u> (\$ millions)	FY 2006-07 Adjusted Estimate	FY 2006-07 Estimate Actual	FY 2007-08 Revenue Estimate
Beginning Cash	\$ 184.7	\$ 199.2	\$ 205.4
Taxes	735.4	763.6	771.3
Intergovernmental	31.1	34.4	31.3
Service Charges	193.0	228.2	184.9
Fines/Forfeitures	23.5	22.5	23.7
Reimbursements/Refunds	23.4	23.7	22.7
Rentals/Concessions	3.9	4.6	4.6
Miscellaneous	9.8	9.7	6.3
Interest	7.0	11.7	8.5
Transfers	30.9	35.4	28.4
Revenues & Transfers	\$ 1,058.0	\$ 1,133.8	\$ 1,081.7
Total Resources	\$ 1,242.7	\$ 1,333.0	\$ 1,287.1

Flood Control

The revenue estimate for the Flood Control operations and maintenance fund for FY 2007-08 is \$144.3 million, an increase of \$5.2 million compared to last year's estimated actual.

Debt Service

Funds will be available for debt service expenditures for the fiscal year in the amount of \$140.4 million for the county, \$168.6 million for the Toll Road Authority, \$41.3 million for Flood Control, and \$33.1 million for the Port of Houston.

Departments and Policy Issues

The tables that follow show budget amounts for departments. Adjustments have been made as necessary to accommodate decisions of the court and to balance against the Auditor's revenue estimate. A list of policy issues follows the budget materials.

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