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Dear Fiscal Officer:

Subject: Price Factor and Population Information

Appropriations Limit

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2227 requires the Department of Finance (Finance) to transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. Each local jurisdiction must use their percentage change in population factor for January 1, 2021, in conjunction with a change in the cost of living, or price factor, to calculate their appropriations limit for fiscal year 2021-22. Attachment A provides the change in California's per capita personal income and an example for utilizing the price factor and population percentage change factor to calculate the 2021-22 appropriations limit. Attachment B provides the city and unincorporated county population percentage change. Attachment C provides the population percentage change for counties and their summed incorporated areas. The population percentage change data excludes federal and state institutionalized populations and military populations.

Population Percent Change for Special Districts

Some special districts must establish an annual appropriations limit. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2228 provides additional information regarding the appropriations limit. Article XIII B, section 9(C) of the California Constitution exempts certain special districts from the appropriations limit calculation mandate. The code section and the California Constitution can be accessed at the following website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.

Special districts required by law to calculate their appropriations limit must present the calculation as part of their annual audit. Any questions special districts have on this requirement should be directed to their county, district legal counsel, or the law itself. No state agency reviews the local appropriations limits.

Population Certification

The population certification program applies only to cities and counties. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 11005.6 mandates Finance to automatically certify any population estimate that exceeds the current certified population with the State Controller's Office. **Finance will certify the higher estimate to the State Controller by June 1, 2021.**

Please Note: The prior year's city population estimates may be revised. The per capita personal income change is based on historical data. Given the stay-at-home orders due to COVID-19, growth in the coming years may be substantially lower than recent trends.

If you have any questions regarding this data, please contact the Demographic Research Unit at (916) 323-4086.

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Attachment

- A. **Price Factor:** Article XIII B specifies that local jurisdictions select their cost of living factor to compute their appropriation limit by a vote of their governing body. The cost of living factor provided here is per capita personal income. If the percentage change in per capita personal income is selected, the percentage change to be used in setting the fiscal year 2021-22 appropriation limit is:

Per Capita Personal Income

Fiscal Year (FY)	Percentage change over prior year
2021-22	5.73

- B. Following is an example using sample population change and the change in California per capita personal income as growth factors in computing a 2021-22 appropriation limit.

2021-22:

Per Capita Cost of Living Change = 5.73 percent
Population Change = -0.46 percent

Per Capita Cost of Living converted to a ratio: $\frac{5.73 + 100}{100} = 1.0573$

Population converted to a ratio: $\frac{-0.46 + 100}{100} = 0.9954$

Calculation of factor for FY 2021-22: $1.0573 \times 0.9954 = 1.0524$

Fiscal Year 2021-22

Attachment B
Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions*
January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 and Total Population, January 1, 2021

County City	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>--- Population Minus Exclusions ---</u>		<u>Total Population</u>
	2020-2021	1-1-20	1-1-21	1-1-2021
Alameda				
Alameda	-0.31	80,445	80,194	80,884
Albany	-9.62	18,871	17,055	17,055
Berkeley	-4.58	122,364	116,761	116,761
Dublin	-0.26	64,003	63,837	64,695
Emeryville	1.11	12,448	12,586	12,586
Fremont	0.47	233,132	234,239	234,239
Hayward	-0.74	159,266	158,089	158,089
Livermore	0.15	91,082	91,216	91,216
Newark	0.53	48,603	48,859	48,859
Oakland	0.74	432,327	435,514	435,514
Piedmont	-0.01	11,297	11,296	11,296
Pleasanton	-0.36	78,654	78,371	78,371
San Leandro	-0.63	87,840	87,289	87,289
Union City	-0.64	73,248	72,779	72,779
Unincorporated	-0.48	147,603	146,890	146,958
County Total	-0.37	1,661,183	1,654,975	1,656,591

*Exclusions include residents on federal military installations and group quarters residents in state mental institutions, state and federal correctional institutions and veteran homes.