Sity and County of San Francisco

Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor

GOVERNMENT BAROMETER

August 2011



October 18, 2011

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE CITY SERVICES AUDITOR

The City Services Auditor was created within the Controller's Office through an amendment to the City Charter that was approved by voters in November 2003. Under Appendix F to the City Charter, the City Services Auditor has broad authority for:

- Reporting on the level and effectiveness of San Francisco's public services and benchmarking the city to other public agencies and jurisdictions.
- Conducting financial and performance audits of city departments, contractors, and functions to assess efficiency and effectiveness of processes and services.
- Operating a whistleblower hotline and website and investigating reports of waste, fraud, and abuse of city resources.
- Ensuring the financial integrity and improving the overall performance and efficiency of city government.

About the Government Barometer:

The purpose of the Government Barometer is to share key performance and activity information with the public in order to increase transparency, create dialog, and build the public's confidence regarding the City's management of public business. The report lists measures in major service areas, such as public safety, health and human services, streets and public works, public transit, recreation, environment, and customer service. This is a recurring report. The October 2011 report is scheduled to be issued in late November 2011.

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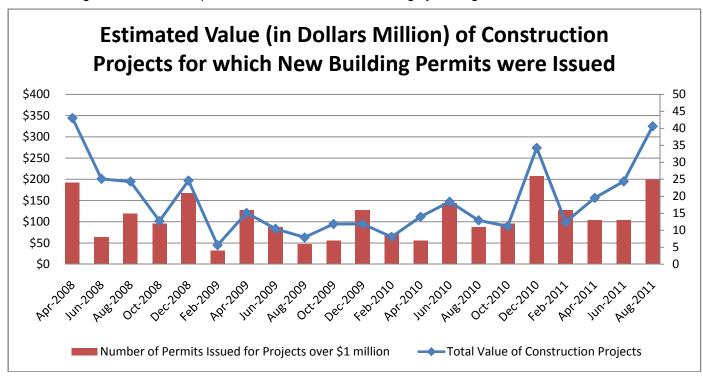
Summary

The Office of the Controller has issued the Government Barometer August 2011. Significant changes reported in August 2011 include the following:

- Violent crimes increased by 6.8 percent from June 2011 to August 2011 and by 5.2 percent since August 2010, property crimes increased by 5.5 percent and decreased by 6.9 percent during the same periods.
- The total number of Healthy San Francisco participants decreased by 12.5 percent from July 2011 because, effective July 1, 2011, over 10,000 Healthy San Francisco participants transitioned to San Francisco Provides Access to Healthcare (SF PATH): a new federally-supported health access program that provides affordable health care services for some low income people living in San Francisco. Beginning July 2011 Healthy SF program statistics will reflect this 10,000 participant reduction.
- The 22.7 percent increase in the total number of individuals currently registered in recreation courses is due to an increase in the number of day camps; 20 more camps were offered in summer 2011 than 2010.
- The total number of visitors at public fine art museums decreased by 40 percent from August 2010 to August 2011, due almost entirely to the popularity of 2010's Birth of Impressionism exhibition (August 2010 was the final full month of the exhibition's run and the de Young offered extended hours).
- Percentage of life hazard or lack of heat complaints responded to within one business day decreased from 100 percent in August 2010 to 87 percent in August 2011. This decrease in response time is partly attributable to staff reductions. A "response" consists of contacting the person making complaint and visiting the building, but the inspector is required to obtain permission from the property owner or tenant prior to entering their premises.

<u>Measure Highlight – Value (estimated cost, in millions) of construction projects for which</u> new building permits were issued

In August 2011 the Department of Building Inspection issued 2,617 new building permits with an estimated value of \$325 million. This marks the highest monthly estimated valuation since April of 2008, when the \$344 million of project permits were issued, and is significantly above the average (\$148 million) for the period. The monthly estimated value is driven in large measure by the number of permits issued for new project estimated at over \$1 million; in August 2011 25 such permits were issued, which is roughly the highest number since the start of 2008.



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	Prior Year	Prior Period	Current Period	Period-to-Period		Year-to-Year	
Activity or Performance Measure	Aug-2010	Jun-2011	Aug-2011	% Change	Trend	% Change	Trend
Public Safety							
Total number of serious violent crimes reported (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, per 100,000 population)	70.5	69.5	74.2	6.8%	Negative	5.2%	Negative
Total number of serious property crimes reported (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson, per 100,000 population)	367.7	324.6	342.5	5.5%	Negative	-6.9%	Positive
Percentage of fire/medical emergency calls responded to within 5 minutes	87.7%	92.4%	91.1%	-1.4%	Negative	3.9%	Positive
Average daily county jail population	1,721	1,538	1,445	-6.0%	Positive	-16.0%	Positive
Percentage of 9-1-1 calls answered within 10 seconds	89%	90%	89%	-1.1%	Negative	0.0%	Neutral
Average 9-1-1 daily call volume	1,444	1,436	1,450	1.0%	Neutral	0.4%	Neutral
Health and Human Services							
Average daily population of San Francisco General Hospital	399	395	409	3.5%	Negative	2.5%	Neutral
Average daily population of Laguna Honda Hospital	758	747	750	0.4%	Neutral	-1.1%	Neutral
Total number of Healthy San Francisco participants	54,036	54,401	47,587	-12.5%	Negative	-11.9%	Negative
New patient wait time in days for an appointment at a DPH primary care clinic	31	33	31	-6.1%	Positive	0.0%	Neutral
Current active CalWORKs caseload	4,666	5,077	4,965	-2.2%	Positive	6.4%	Negative
Current active County Adult Assistance Program (CAAP) caseload	7,680	7,485	7,373	-1.5%	Positive	-4.0%	Positive
Current active Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) caseload	23,961	27,253	27,802	2.0%	Negative	16.0%	Negative
Percentage of all available homeless shelter beds used	94.0%	89.0%	94.0%	5.6%	Positive	0.0%	Neutral
Average nightly homeless shelter bed use	1,066	1,013	1,070	5.6%	Negative	0.4%	Neutral
Total number of children in foster care	1,317	1,215	1,175	-3.3%	Positive	-10.8%	Positive
Streets and Public Works							
Average score of streets inspected using street maintenance litter standards (1 = acceptably clean to 3 = very dirty)	1.94	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percentage of street cleaning requests responded to within 48 hours	90.8%	90.8%	86.0%	-5.3%	Negative	-5.3%	Negative
Percentage of graffiti requests on public property responded to within 48 hours	66.1%	46.9%	63.0%	34.3%	Positive	-4.6%	Negative
Percentage of pothole requests repaired within 72 hours	65.3%	81.5%	88.0%	8.0%	Positive	34.7%	Positive

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Activity or Performance Measure	Aug-2010	Jun-2011	Aug-2011	% Change	Trend	% Change	Trend
Public Transit							
Percentage of Muni buses and trains that adhere to posted schedules	73.7%	74.6%	74.2%	-0.5%	Neutral	0.7%	Neutral
Average daily number of Muni customer complaints regarding safety, negligence, discourtesy, and service delivery	43.6	46.2	47.2	2.2%	Negative	8.3%	Negative
Recreation, Arts, and Culture							
Average score of parks inspected using park maintenance standards	91.0%	91.7%	90.1%	-1.8%	Negative	-1.0%	Neutral
Total number of individuals currently registered in recreation courses	11,196	14,989	13,733	-8.4%	Negative	22.7%	Positive
Total number of park facility (picnic tables, sites, recreation facilities, fields, etc.) bookings	4,539	4,076	4,911	20.5%	Positive	8.2%	Positive
Total number of visitors at public fine art museums (Asian Art Museum, Legion of Honor, and de Young)	310,048	177,515	181,312	2.1%	Positive	-41.5%	Negative
Total circulation of materials at main and branch libraries	926,153	975,612	938,195	-3.8%	Negative	1.3%	Neutral
Environment, Energy, and Utilities							
Drinking water reservoirs storage as a percentage of normal for this month	105.1%	99.4%	105.1%	5.7%	Positive	0.0%	Neutral
Average monthly water use by City departments (in millions of gallons)	125.0	123.2	114.5	-7.1%	Positive	-8.4%	Positive
Average daily residential per capita water usage (in gallons)	50.6	50.2	49.8	-0.7%	Neutral	-1.6%	Positive
Average monthly energy usage by City departments (in million kilowatt hours)	72.0	72.3	72.4	0.1%	Neutral	0.6%	Neutral
Average daily tons of garbage going to landfill	1,072.5	1,021.7	1,081.9	5.9%	Negative	0.9%	Neutral
Percentage of total solid waste diverted from landfill through curbside recycling	57.0%	59.1%	59.1%	0.0%	Neutral	3.7%	Positive
Permitting and Inspection							
Value (estimated cost, in millions) of construction projects for which new building permits were issued	\$103.4	\$195.0	\$325.0	66.7%	Positive	214.3%	Positive
Percentage of all building permits involving new construction and major alterations review that are approved or disapproved within 60 days	58%	57%	57%	0.0%	Neutral	-1.7%	Neutral
Percentage of all applications for variance from the Planning Code decided within 120 days	33%	40%	45%	12.5%	Positive	36.4%	Positive
Percentage of life hazard or lack of heat complaints responded to within one business day	100.0%	95.0%	87.0%	-8.4%	Negative	-13.0%	Negative
Percentage of customer-requested construction permit inspections completed within two business days of requested date	95.0%	98.0%	98.0%	0.0%	Neutral	3.2%	Positive

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Customer Service							
Average daily number of 311 contacts, across all contact channels	7,860	8,449	8,088	-4.3%	Negative	2.9%	Neutral
Percentage of 311 calls answered by call takers within 60 seconds	66.2%	66.4%	70.1%	5.6%	Positive	5.9%	Positive

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For additional detail on measure definitions and department information, please see the attached Government Barometer Measure Details.

Values for prior periods (e.g. June 2011 or Aug 2010) may be revised in this report relative to their original publication.

To prepare this report, the Citywide Performance Measurement Program has used performance data supplied by City Departments. The Departments are responsible for ensuring that such performance data is accurate and complete. Although the Citywide Performance Measurement Program has reviewed the data for overall reasonableness and consistency, the Program has not audited the data provided by the Departments.

Police T	Activity or Performance Measure Fotal number of serious violent crimes eported homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, per 100,000 population)	, , , , , ,	Measure Technical Description Collection Method: Number of UCR Violent Part I crimes divided by current San Francisco population and multiplied by
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re			100,000. Data source: COMPSTAT data extraction prepared weekly from the Incident Report System (IRS) and Homicide Detail and Sexual Assault Details. Population FY 2008: 829,848, FY 2009 & FY 2010: 842,625; Jan 1, 2010 pop estimate: 856,095. (CA Dept of Finance E-2 Report). Timing Monthly.
à	reported	property crimes are burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.	Collection Method: Number of Part I Property crimes divided by current San Francisco population and multiplied by 100,000. Data source: COMPSTAT data extraction prepared weekly from the Incident Report System (IRS) and Homicide Detail and Sexual Assault Details. Population FY 2008: 829,848, FY2009 & FY2010: 842,625;Jan 1, 2010 pop estimate: 856,095. (Source: CA Department of Finance, E-2 Report). Timing: Monthly.
		Percentage of all incidents responded to in under five minutes (total response time (RT) from dispatch to arrival on scene of first unit). Includes all calls the Department responds to with lights and sirens, not just those requiring possible medical care.	Raw data is stored at Department of Emergency Managemen and aggregated at Fire Department headquarters.
Sheriff A	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	be released or cannot make bail. Housing such prisoners can	Collection Method: Average Daily Population (ADP) is compiled by Sheriff's staff from reports issued daily from each jail. Records are located in City Hall, Room 456. Timing: Data available 5am daily. Population represents all in-custody people.
, , ,	Percentage of 9-1-1 calls answered within 10 seconds	The State of California 9-1-1 Office recommends that all 9-1-1 calls are answered within 10 seconds. There is no state or federal mandate. Our Center strives to answer 90% of all 9-1-1 calls within 10 seconds.	Collection Method: All calls introduced through the 9-1-1 State switch are captured in an automatic telephone call distribution system produced by Nortel Networks. This system analyzes the time it takes from the call to hit the message switch, then time it takes for our call takers to answer and process the call for service. All equipment housed at 1011 Turk.
Emergency Management A	Average 9-1-1 daily call volume	This number represents the number of 9-1-1 telephone calls received and presented to the San Francisco Division of Emergency Communications on a daily basis.	Our statistics are continuously collected by our Nortel Network equipment. This information is collated daily and composed into weekly, monthly, and annual reports to reflect the call volume thus allowing us to allocate staff as needed.
Health and Human Service	ces		
l		number of days in the month. The measure separates the average	The daily count is tracked by the Hospital's computer system SMS Invision Clinical Data System; maintained by DPH Community Health Network/SFGH. The reporting database is updated monthly, within 10 days of the following month. The data is 99% reliable within one month. Reports are run on an ad hoc basis.
	Average daily population of Laguna Honda Hospital	Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) is a long-term care facility that provides a residential setting for physically or cognitively impaired individuals who require continuous nursing assistance,	Admissions, discharges, and transfers (relocations) are entered into the Invision Clinical Data System when any of these activities occur. Reports for ADC data (from Invision) can be generated for daily, monthly and/or quarterly basis. Numbers are drawn from the Monthly Average Census Report, using the SNF Occupied + M7A + L4A columns.
	Santopanto	for uninsured San Francisco residents, age 18 through 64 years	The enrollment number is derived from the One-E-App program. One-E-App is a web-based eligibility and enrollment application and system of record for Healthy San Francisco. Reports are run monthly and ad hoc.
а	, pp	This measure shows the number of calendar days that a new patient would have to wait for a routine primary care appointment and/or examination. This assumes that the patient is not reporting any health issue and is not yet established with a primary care provider. The Healthy San Francisco program has set a goal of 60 calendar days for a new enrollee to wait for a primary care appointment.	This data is collected manually by a DPH staff person who searches the DPH computerized appointment system ((Invision) for the first possible routine appointment at each primary care clinic or, if required, calls the clinic to inquire about next appointment availability for a new & routine patien appointment. The report represents a point in time, the day the report is done. To obtain one monthly number for the measure, the wait for each clinic is added together and divided by the number of clinics (13).
	Current active CalWORKs caseload	received cash assistance (TANF) during the month for which the data is reported.	Data for this measure is obtained from a monthly extract generated by the CalWIN client tracking system.
	Current active County Adult Assistance Program (CAAP) caseload		Data for this measure is obtained from a monthly extract generated from the CalWIN client tracking system.

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Department	Activity or Performance Measure	Measure Description	Measure Technical Description	
Human Services	Current active Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) caseload	This is the total number of cases receiving non-assistance food stamps. Non-assistance food stamps cases do not include those cases which also receive other forms of public assistance (e.g. CalWORKs).	Collection Method: Data for this measure is tracked within the CalWIN system. A case file is opened at the point of intake and maintained while the case is active. Timing: The CalWIN data system is dynamic, and can be queried for current data. Historical data is stored in extracts that can also be queried for previous periods.	
Human Services	Percentage of all available homeless shelter beds used	This is the average percentage of shelter beds (single adult) available that have been reserved and used on a nightly basis.	Data for this measure is derived from the CHANGES shelter bed reservation system.	
Human Services	Average nightly homeless shelter bed use	The numbers reported here represent the average number of beds (single adult) used during the month.	Data for this measure is reported via the CHANGES system but the actual number of beds available is based upon negotiated contracted obligations.	
Human Services	Total number of children in foster care	This measure provides a count of the number of children with an open case in foster care at the end of each month that data is being reported.	The data source for this measure is the Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CWS/CMS). CWS/CMS is a longitudinal statewide database that can be queried for current and historical data.	
Streets and Public Wo	orks		Can one and motorioal data.	
Public Works	Average score of streets inspected using street maintenance litter standards (1 = acceptably clean to 3 = very dirty)	Average score of the inspection results of selected routes for the street cleanliness standard 1.1, which is based on a scale from 1 to 3. (For each 100 curb feet, 1 = under 5 pieces of litter; 2 = 5 - 15 pieces of litter; and 3 = over 15 pieces of litter). See maintenance standards manual for details.	For selected blocks, an inspector assigns a score from 1 to 3 to each 100 curb feet, for blocks of selected routes. Block and route averages are calculated. This measure provides the average of routes inspected for the selected time period. It includes only DPW inspections. Inspections were conducted on a combination of 11 residential and 11 commercial routes. Clean Corridors routes are excluded. Data collection: Data source are MNC Excel files, and summaries are generated by the Controller's Office. Data for these "district" inspections, are available every other month.	
Public Works	Percentage of street cleaning requests responded to within 48 hours	DPW receives requests to address street cleaning issues primarily through 311. Our goal is to resolve these issues within 48 hours of receiving the request.	Collection Method: Dated services requests and action taken data is entered into the Bureau of Street Environmental Services' 28 Clean Access database. Timing: Data is available on a daily basis.	
Public Works	Percentage of graffiti requests on public property responded to within 48 hours	DPW receives calls from the public to report graffiti, primarily through 311. DPW crews respond to these calls and abate the graffiti on public property. Our goal is to abate within 48 hours. If the graffiti is on private property, the property owner is notified to abate. This metric only measures abatements on public property.	Collection Method: Dated service requests and action taken data is logged into the Bureau of Street Environmental Services' 28 Clean Access database. Timing: Data is available on a daily basis.	
Public Works	Percentage of pothole requests repaired within 72 hours	DPW receives calls from the public reporting potholes. Our goal is to repair these potholes within 72 hours.	Collection Method: Dated service requests and action taken data is entered into the Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair's Pothole database daily. Timing: Data is available on a monthly basis.	
Public Transit				
Municipal Transportation Agency	Percentage of Muni buses and trains that adhere to posted schedules	standard, such systems will be used.	Method: Check the designated lines using criteria of -1/+4 minutes. Periods of time includes morning rush (6am-9am), midday (9am-4pm), evening rush (4pm-7pm), and night (7pm 1am). Supervisors conduct a one-hour check at a point at mic route during all four time periods stated above. Timeframe: Data is available approximately 60 days after each quarter closes. The annual goal for the forthcoming fiscal year is traditionally approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors in April or May. For the barometer report, data is reported on a quarterly basis.	
Municipal Transportation Agency	Average daily number of Muni customer complaints regarding safety, negligence, discourtesy, and service delivery	Definition: Customers may provide feedback regarding Muni services through 311, sfmta.com, by mail, and by fax.	Method: Feedback data is pulled from the Trapeze system on a monthly basis and divided by the number of days in the month to come up with the average daily number of complaints.	
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Recreation, Arts, and (Recreation and Parks	Average score of parks inspected using park maintenance standards	The average rating for neighborhood parks category only (i.e. an average of the neighborhood parks' percentages for meeting parks standards). The ratings for Neighborhood Parks have been chosen to be included as a performance measure as they represent the majority of RPD property types, include almost all park features rated, and are geographically dispersed throughout the City		

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Recreation and Parks	Total number of individuals currently registered in recreation courses	Measure indicates number of registered program participants for all age categories. It includes all recreation programs except aquatics programs. Please note that given a certain month, this number does not reflect all participants but rather those that registered in that given month.	Collection Method: CLASS recreation management software records all individuals (termed clients within the CLASS system) registered for any kind of program RPD offers. Timing: CLASS implementation launched in January 2007, with preliminary data available in May 2007. Data is now available monthly. Baseline data was captured in FY08 and FY09 and the Department began to set targets in FY10.	
Recreation and Parks	Total number of park facility (picnic tables, sites, recreation facilities, fields, etc.) bookings	Measure indicates number of park facilities permits created.	Collection Method: CLASS recreation management software measures field permitting, picnic table rentals, indoor recreation center bookings, and other types of facility rentals.	
Fine Arts Museums and Asian Art Museum	Total number of visitors at public fine art museums (Asian Art Museum, Legion of Honor, and de Young)	This measure aggregates data from 3 separate measures for the Asian Art Museum, Legion of Honor, and de Young Museum. Museum visitors includes all visitors to the 3 separate museums, including school children, business visitors, rental events, and other events, but excluding cafe and store visitors.	CON to manually calculate measure from data entered directly into PM system.	
Public Library	Total circulation of materials at main and branch libraries	Number of items (books and other materials) circulated to the public (children, youth & adults) from all libraries.	Collection Method: Statistics generated from the Library's automated circulation system; Information Technology Division. Timing: Reports are generated monthly. For barometer, add both branch & main library measures together.	
Environment, Energy, a				
Public Utilities Commission	Drinking water reservoirs storage as a percentage of normal for this month	Beginning of month total system storage (i.e. Hetch Hetchy, Cherry, Eleanor, Water Bank, Calaveras, San Antonio, Crystal Springs, San Andreas, Pilarcitos) as percentage of long-term median (water year 1968 to 2007).	The long-term median of total system storage at the beginning of the month was calculated using data stored in Form 11 for Hetch Hetchy Division and in WISKI database fo Water Supply & Treatment Division for water years 1968 to 2007 (40-year period). 1968 was selected as the first year for the calculation to include San Antonio Reservoir. The current beginning of month total system storage is reported as a percentage of the long-term median.	
Public Utilities Commission	Average monthly water use by City departments (in millions of gallons)	12-month rolling monthly average of total water use by City departments, in million gallons.	12-month rolling monthly average computed from total monthly amount of billed water usage for municipal departments per report 892-Monthly Sales and Revenue, converted to million gallons.	
Public Utilities Commission	Average daily residential per capita water usage (in gallons)	Annual rolling average of daily residential water use per person.	Daily per capita usage computed using twelve months of city residential usage per report 892-Monthly Sales and Revenue divided by 365 and estimated 2009 population of 818,887, the 2008 US Census number multiplied by the 2008 growth rate.	
Public Utilities Commission	Average monthly energy usage by City departments (in million kilowatt hours)	Energy use by City departments in kilowatt hours (kWh) in millions for the month based on 12-month rolling average	Estimate of energy use by City departments in kilowatt hours (kWh) in millions for the month based on 12-month rolling average and maintained in our Electric Billing System.	
Environment	Average daily tons of garbage going to landfill	Average daily tons of garbage going to landfill.	Total materials San Francisco sends to landfill, calculated by dividing the monthly tonnage by the number of days in the month. Universe is municipal, residential, commercial, industrial.	
Environment	Percentage of total solid waste diverted from landfill through curbside recycling	Percentage of total solid waste diverted from landfill through curbside recycling.	Percentage of recycling (blue cart) and compostables (green cart) collected, factored against disposal tonnage (black cart) Universe is residential and small commercial customers.	
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Building Inspection	Value (estimated cost, in millions) of construction projects for which new building permits were issued	The construction valuation is driven by customer demand, the number of projects approved for construction, major developments, and the overall economic climate. This construction valuation or number of permits issued for construction cannot be estimated.	Collection Method: This is a new measure for DBI. The data entered for April 2008 and April 2009 is actual data, not estimated cost as indicated on Column C. The data is collected through our automated Permit Tracking System and is based on the fees collected for permits issued. Timing: Available on a weekly/monthly basis.	

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Planning	Percentage of all building permits involving new construction and major alterations review that are approved or disapproved within 60 days	When a member of the public wants to conduct major physical improvements to existing construction or to develop property, the proposal comes to the Planning Department for review to ensure the project conforms with existing land use requirements as specified in the Planning Code.	Collection Method: Data is stored in the Department of Building Inspection's permit tracking database, housed at 1650 Mission Street Timing: Data updates are available on a monthly basis.
Planning	Percentage of all applications for variance from the Planning Code decided within 120 days	A variance allowing a project to vary from the strict quantitative standards of the Planning Code may be granted after a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. Variances are typically requested for projects that do not meet the Planning Code standards for rear yards, front setbacks, parking requirements, and open space requirements. The 4 month target is based on a reasonable time to complete the lowest priority applications.	Collection Method: Data stored in Department's case intake database, housed at 1650 Mission Street. Timing: Data updates are available on a monthly basis.
Building Inspection	Percentage of life hazard or lack of heat complaints responded to within one business day	This measure addresses response time for complaints received from the public regarding life hazards or lack of heat. Complaints are received in person, by phone, email, through the internet, and mail. Response consists of contacting person making complaint and visiting the building. Measure changed in FY 02-03 to reflect 24-hour turnaround instead of 48 hours, but the data reflecting the	Collection Method: Staff in Housing Inspection Services utilize the Complaint Tracking System to maintain a record of complaints received and responded to. Response data is compiled into monthly, quarterly and annual reports. Timing: Statistics are available two weeks after the end of the month (i.e., statistics for September will be available on October 15th.)
Building Inspection	Percentage of customer-requested construction permit inspections completed within two business days of requested date	Customers request inspection of construction to meet permit requirements. Customers contact inspection divisions via phone to set up appointments. Inspections are completed when inspectors visit sites to conduct inspection.	Collection Method: Daily logs are entered into Oracle database; this information is compiled into monthly, quarterly and annual reports. Timing: Statistics are available two weeks after the end of the month (i.e., statistics for September will be available on October 15th.)
Customer Service			
Administrative Services	Average daily number of 311 contacts, across all contact channels	The average daily number of calls and service requests and information accessed on-line, via self-service forms, Twitter, and Open311 applications. Calls received at 311 which includes those calls that were "answered" and those that were "abandoned" by the caller.	Calculation: The total number of calls (answered and abandoned), self-service requests, Open311 requests and website visits received divided by the number of days in that particular month. Sources: The CMS application is used to track the volume of calls, use of self-service forms, and Open 311 apps. Urchin Software is used to track the total number of visits to the website. Frequency: Call volumes are reported on a daily basis with data for the previous day.
Administrative Services	Percentage of 311 calls answered by call takers within 60 seconds	The percentage of calls answered within 60 seconds versus the total number of calls received on a monthly basis. This metric of answering 50% of calls in 60 seconds was developed in July 2008 as a performance measure for 311.	Calculation: The number of calls answered within 60 seconds divided by the total number of calls received during the measurement interval. Data Source: Avaya's Call Management System (CMS) will be utilized to determine the number of calls answered within 60 seconds and the total number of calls received. Frequency: Monthly.

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