

City of Hercules

Hercules, California

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures to Appropriations Limit Schedule

For the Year Ending June 30, 2026





INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members of the City Council
of the City of Hercules
Hercules, California

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the accompanying Appropriations Limit Schedule of the City of Hercules, California (the "City") for the year ending June 30, 2026. The City's management is responsible for the Appropriations Limit Schedule.

The City has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 1.5 of Article XIII-B of the California Constitution, which was agreed by the City and the League of California Cities (as presented in the publication entitled *Agreed-upon Procedures Applied to the Appropriations Limitation Prescribed by Article XIII-B of the California Constitution*). This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures performed and associated findings are as follows:

1. We obtained the completed worksheet used by the City to calculate its appropriations limit for the year ending June 30, 2026, and determined that the limit and annual calculation factors were adopted by resolution of the City Council. We also determined that the population and inflation options were selected by a recorded vote of the City Council.

Findings: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

2. For the accompanying Appropriations Limit Schedule, we added the prior year's limit to the total adjustments, and agreed the resulting amount to the current year's limit.

Findings: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures. However, we noted that the City is not maximizing its calculation by using the City population factor for the year ending June 30, 2026 that will benefit the City the most. There is no impact as the City's appropriations for 2025-26 are below the limit.

3. We verified the current year information presented in the accompanying Appropriations Limit Schedule to corresponding information in worksheets used by the City.

Findings: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

4. We verified the appropriations limit presented in the accompanying Appropriations Limit Schedule to the appropriations limit adopted by the City Council.

Findings: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

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We were engaged by the City to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respective on the accompanying Appropriation Limit Schedule. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

The Rus Group, LLP

Santa Ana, California
December 18, 2025

City of Hercules
Appropriations Limit Schedule
For the Year Ending June 30, 2026

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>
A. Appropriations Limit FY 2024-2025	<u>\$ 552,477,093</u>	Prior year appropriation limit adopted by the City
B. Calculation Factors:		
1) Population increase %	0.9950	California Department of Finance
2) Inflation increase %	<u>1.0644</u>	California Department of Finance
3) Total adjustment %	<u>1.0591</u>	(B1 x B2)
C. Annual Adjustment Increase	32,639,242	{(B3-1) x A}
D. Other Adjustments:		
1) Loss responsibility (-)	-	N/A
2) Transfer to private (-)	-	N/A
3) Transfer to fees (-)	-	N/A
4) Assumed responsibility (+)	-	N/A
E. Total Adjustments	<u>32,639,242</u>	(C+D)
F. Appropriations Limit FY 2025-2026	<u><u>\$ 585,116,335</u></u>	(A+E)

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Notes to Appropriations Limit Schedule
For the Year Ending June 30, 2026

Note 1 – Purpose of Limited Procedures Review

Under Article XIIIIB of the California Constitution (the Gann Spending Limitation Initiative), California governmental agencies are restricted as to the amount of annual appropriations from proceeds of taxes. Effective for years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, under Section 1.5 of Article XIIIIB, the annual calculation of the appropriations limit is subject to the agreed-upon procedures in connection with the annual audit.

Note 2 – Method of Calculation

Under Section 10.5 of Article XIIIIB, for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, the appropriations limit is required to be calculated based on the limit for the fiscal year 1986-87, adjusted for the inflation and population factors discussed in Notes 3 and 4 below.

Note 3 – Population Factors

A California governmental agency may use as its population factor either the annual percentage change of the jurisdiction's own population or the annual percentage change in population of the county where the jurisdiction is located. The factor adopted by the City of Hercules, California (the "City") for the year ending June 30, 2026, represents the annual percentage change in population for the City.

Note 4 – Inflation factors

A California governmental agency may use as its inflation factor either the annual percentage change in the 4th quarter per capita personal income (which percentage is supplied by the California Department of Finance) or the percentage change in the local assessment roll from the preceding year due to the change of local nonresidential construction. The factor adopted by the City for the year ending June 30, 2026, represents the percentage change in the local assessment roll from the preceding year due to the change of local nonresidential construction.

Note 5 – Other Adjustments

A California government agency may be required to adjust its appropriations limit when certain events occur, such as the transfer of responsibility for municipal services to, or from, another government agency or private entity. The City had no such adjustments for the year ending June 30, 2026.