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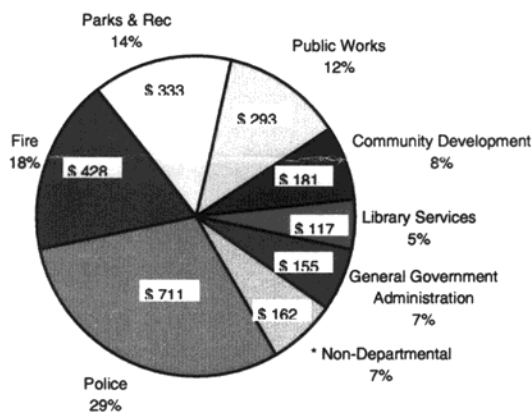
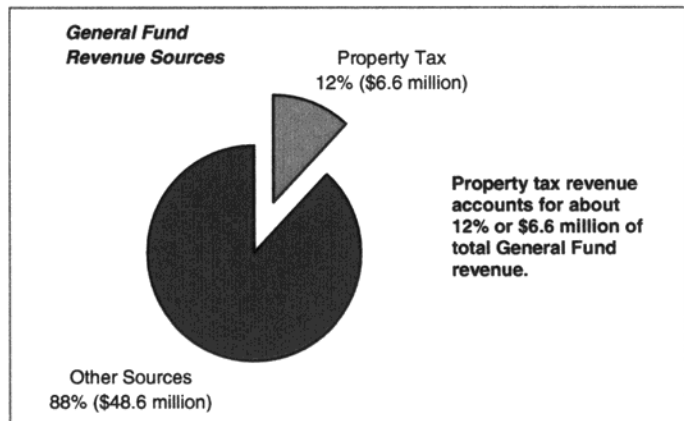
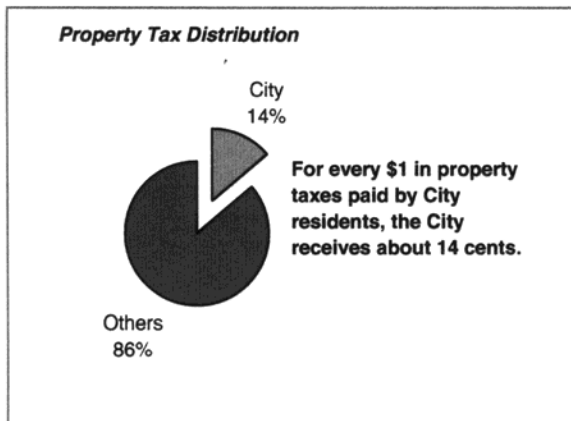
Have you ever wondered how the property tax you pay relates to the services you obtain from the City of Santa Barbara? This brochure explains total property dollars received by the City, the average cost of services for each parcel within the City, and data related to your unique property tax parcel. I hope you find this information useful and would appreciate your feedback. Please call Robert Peirson, Finance Director, at 564-5335 or Marcelo A. Lopez, Assistant to the City Administrator, at 564-5304 with your comments on this mailing.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Tripp-Jones
City Administrator

How Much Does the City Receive in Property Tax Dollars?

For every \$1 you pay to the County Tax Collector, the City of Santa Barbara receives an average of 14 cents. The remainder goes to the County, School Districts, Special Districts, and other agencies listed on your tax bill. In total, the City's General Fund receives about \$6.6 million in property tax revenue. This \$6.6 million represents about 12% of all General Fund Revenue.



What City Services are Supported by Property Tax Dollars?

There are 23,222 property tax parcels in the City of Santa Barbara. It costs an average of \$2,380 per parcel to provide current levels of municipal services. The City receives on average about \$284 per parcel in property tax dollars.

The difference in the cost of services versus the amount received in property tax dollars is provided through other revenue sources, such as sales taxes, hotel bed taxes, utility user taxes, fees & services charges, and grants. The adjacent pie chart shows the distribution of the cost per parcel for each of the services listed.

* Non-Departmental includes Capital Improvements, Maintenance, Insurance, Debt Service and Estimated Use of Reserves

Your Personal Property Tax Data

Your Parcel Number	
Taxable Assessed Value	
Approximate Annual Property Tax Paid	
**Approximate City Share/Allocation	

**This amount goes towards City services in the percentages shown in the above pie chart.