



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 23-097**

**Date:** July 25, 2023

**To:** Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

**From:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager   
Greg Chavarria (Aug 9, 2023 14:14 EDT)

**Re:** FY 2024 Proposed Budget - Neighbor Engagement Tool Live

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The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to providing continual opportunities for neighbor engagement and participation. Balancing Act is a tool specifically designed for governments to engage their residents in the budget process while promoting financial transparency and accountability. The tool enables neighbors to view a model of the City's Proposed General Fund Budget, modify the allocated funding, and see how their changes affect the overall budget.

The Office Management and Budget Office has prepared a Balancing Act simulation based upon FY 2024 General Fund revenue forecasts and proposed operating budgets. The simulation includes all program modification (decision package) requests submitted by departments and indicates the decision package requests that are included in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget. Balancing Act is available on the City's [website](#), and works best with Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Using the software tool, neighbors will be able to interact with a model of the FY 2024 Proposed General Fund Budget to: 1) increase or decrease department allocations, 2) include or remove departments' decision package requests, and 3) adjust policy-driven revenue sources (i.e., the City's property tax rate or the Fire Assessment Fee). Through this interactive exercise, neighbors become more informed about the City's budgeting process and build trust on where the money comes from and where the money goes. The tool also allows the City to collect neighbor input and recommendations for a balanced (or unbalanced) FY 2024 Proposed Budget. Neighbor recommendations and comments will be taken into consideration prior to the September 2023 Public Hearings when the City Commission will adopt the rates and budget for FY 2024.

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