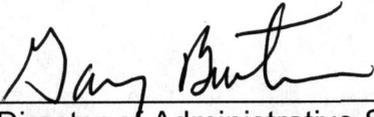




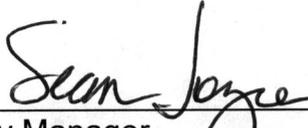
REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: MAY 22, 2012

TITLE: TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2012



Director of Administrative Services



City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a synopsis of investment activity for the City's three investment portfolios for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. These portfolios, which are managed by United American Capital Corporation (UACC) under the direction of the Treasurer, are categorized as the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio, Bond Proceeds Fund and Special District Funds. The market value of all investments under the Treasurer's management totaled \$579.5 million as of March 31, 2012.

Total portfolio assets, asset allocations, average maturities, yields, and portfolio valuations are presented within this report. A discussion of market conditions is also provided to give perspective to these measurements.

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At a regular meeting of the Investment Advisory Committee on May 9, 2012, the Committee received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012 by a unanimous vote of 3-0 (Chair Liss and Vice Chair Gonzales absent). At an adjourned regular meeting of the Finance Commission on May 14, 2012, the Commission received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012 by a unanimous vote of 4-0 (Chair Ezzeldine absent).

ANALYSIS

The Treasurer's office is charged with investing the City's three fixed income portfolios in conformance with the Annual Investment Policy adopted by the City Council. The Investment Policy is updated annually in accordance with the California State Government Code. Quarterly and annual treasury reports that provide investment activity and performance information for the City's portfolios, in accordance with the adopted Investment Policy, are submitted to the Investment Advisory Committee,

Finance Commission, and City Council. The primary objectives of investing these public funds are the protection of principal (safety), provision of ample funds to meet cash requirements (liquidity), and to obtain a competitive market rate of return (yield), in that order. All securities owned by the City are held in safekeeping by a third party custodial bank acting as agent for the City rather than held by a securities dealer. Any trade executed with a broker/dealer is required to settle with the City's safekeeper on a delivery versus payment basis, where the delivery of a security to the appropriate party is made only in the event the funds have been sent as payment for the security.

Pooled Investment Portfolio

The Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio contains funds invested for both the daily operational requirements of the City, as well as funds reserved for economic uncertainties and future rehabilitation and maintenance needs. The Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio is a combination of several operational funds, including the City's Asset Management Plan (AMP) and funds earmarked for the development of the Orange County Great Park.

As of March 31, 2012, the book value (purchase price of securities as recorded on the City's books) of the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio was \$360.7 million and the average weighted yield to maturity was 1.014%, which has declined by 5 basis points (0.05%) from the prior quarter that ended December 31, 2011. The average yield to maturity declined 5 basis points (0.05%) as compared to the prior quarter that ended on December 31, 2011. Fiscal year-to-date investment income (interest payments and capital gains) generated by the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio as of the quarter ended March 31, 2012 was \$3.32 million. The following chart compares the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio statistics over a rolling 12-month period.

**Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio
 Rolling 12-Month Quarterly Comparison**

	Mar 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011	Sept 30, 2011	June 30, 2011
Book Value	\$360,681,836	\$362,257,751	\$361,207,864	\$390,796,869
Market Value	\$362,118,825	\$363,928,644	\$363,079,325	\$392,583,506
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$1,436,989	\$1,670,903	\$1,871,461	\$1,786,637
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) as % of Book Value	0.40%	0.46%	0.52%	0.46%
Average Yield To Maturity	1.01%	1.06%	1.27%	1.31%
Liquidity 0 – 6 months	18.64%	19.73%	13.10%	10.87%
Average Years To Maturity	2.45 years	2.34 years	2.31 years	2.25 years
Effective Duration	2.38 years	2.29 years	2.22 years	2.10 years

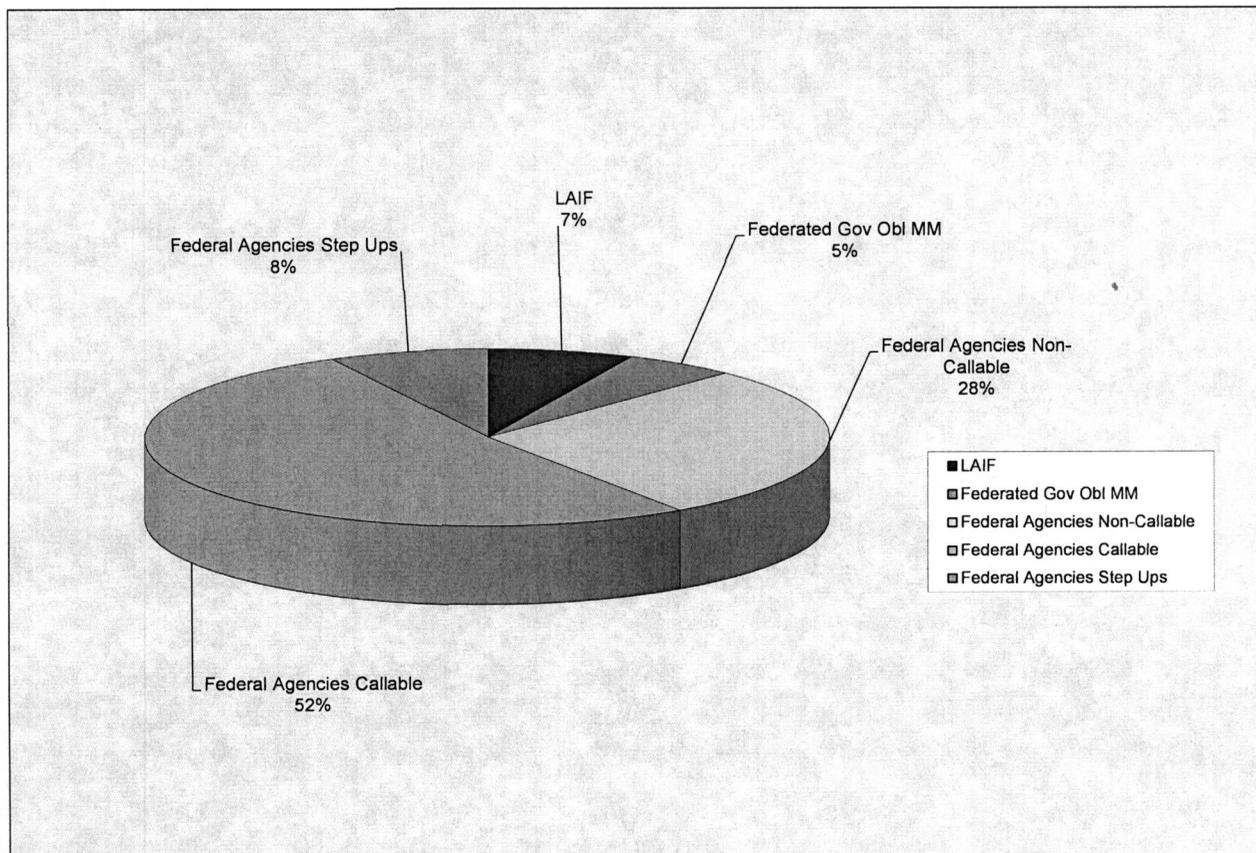
The portfolio strategy to invest in longer term maturities to capture incremental yield helped to stabilize the decline in average yield to maturity experienced in prior quarters. The overnight to 6-months of liquidity level of 18.64% will meet anticipated cash needs

and provide an opportunity to invest in higher yielding securities should interest rates increase in the future.

To ensure the safety of the Portfolio, investments that hold the highest credit quality are selected. The Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio is comprised primarily of Federal Government sponsored entity debt, otherwise known as Federal Agencies securities. Although the Federal Agency securities were downgraded by Standard & Poor's to AA in August 2011, they are considered the safest securities in the global market next to Treasury securities. Two of the government sponsored agencies, Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company (FHLMC) remain under conservatorship by the Federal Government. Both of these agencies are being carefully monitored by the City's investment manager to ensure the continued safety of the City's funds.

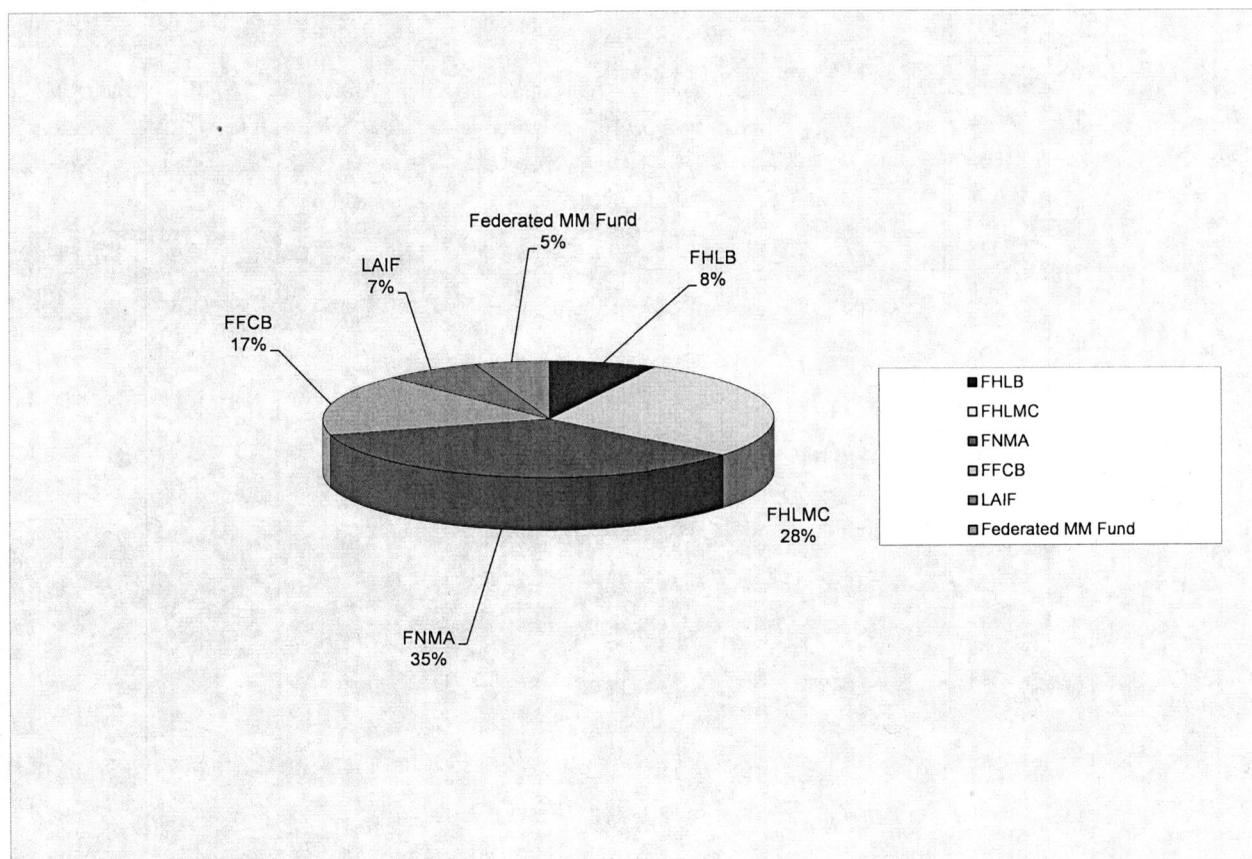
To manage liquidity, the Portfolio is invested in the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and the Federated Government Obligation money market fund. The following chart shows the asset allocation of the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio.

**Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio
Asset Allocation
as of March 31, 2012**



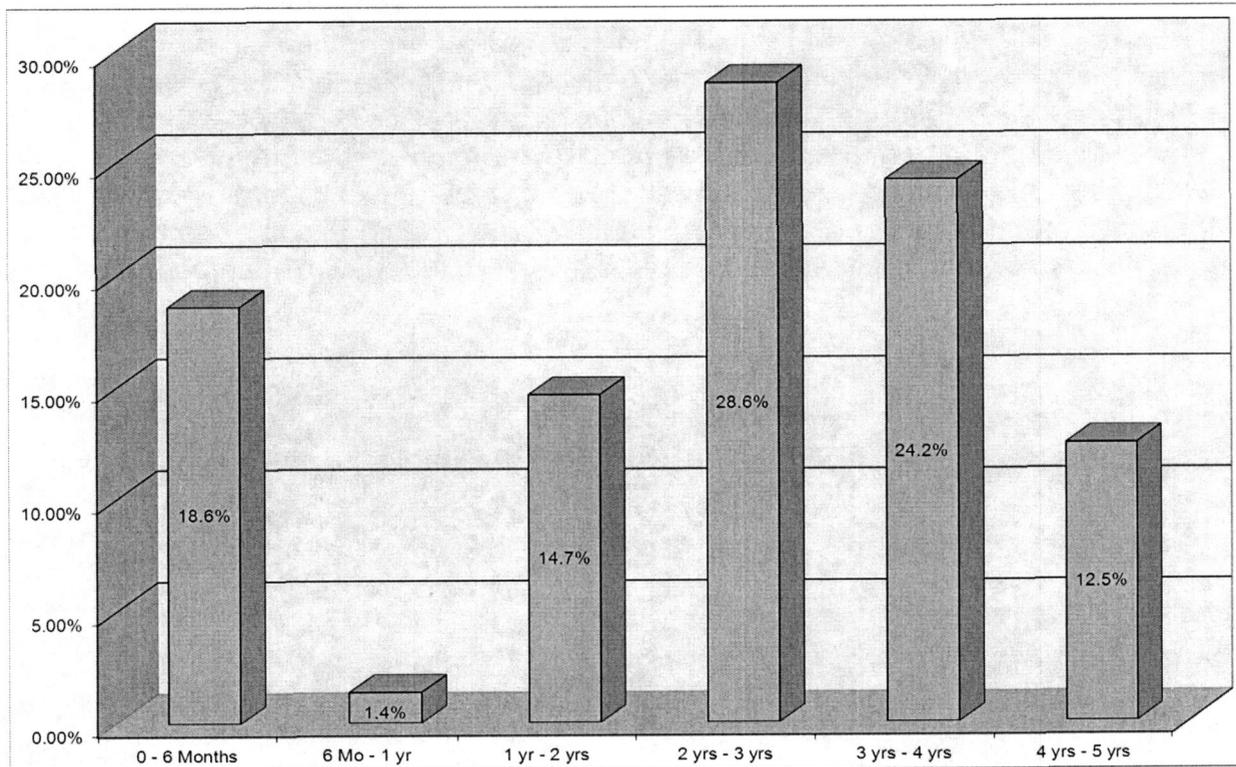
Since 87.7% of the Portfolio is invested in Federal Agency securities, the safety of the Portfolio is further protected by purchasing securities from several different Federal Agencies. The four Federal Government sponsored entities that the City purchases securities from are Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB or Home Loan), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or Freddie Mac), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA or Fannie Mae), and Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB or Farm Credit). Because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are under conservatorship by the U.S. government, securities issued by these government sponsored entities carry an explicit guarantee by the Federal Government. Home Loan and Farm Credit carry an implied guarantee of the Federal Government. The breakdown of the Portfolio holdings by issuer name is demonstrated on the following chart.

**Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio
Breakdown by Issuer Name
as of March 31, 2012**



Another key component in Portfolio management is to ensure that the City has enough liquidity available to meet current expenses. By using cash flow forecasts, the portfolio manager is able to project short and long-term cash needs to help make informed and appropriate investment decisions. As of March 31, 2012, the 0 to 6-month liquidity level for the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio was at 18.64%, which provides adequate liquidity to meet anticipated expenses. The chart below is an aging out to 5 years (the maximum maturity allowable by policy and state code) of the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio.

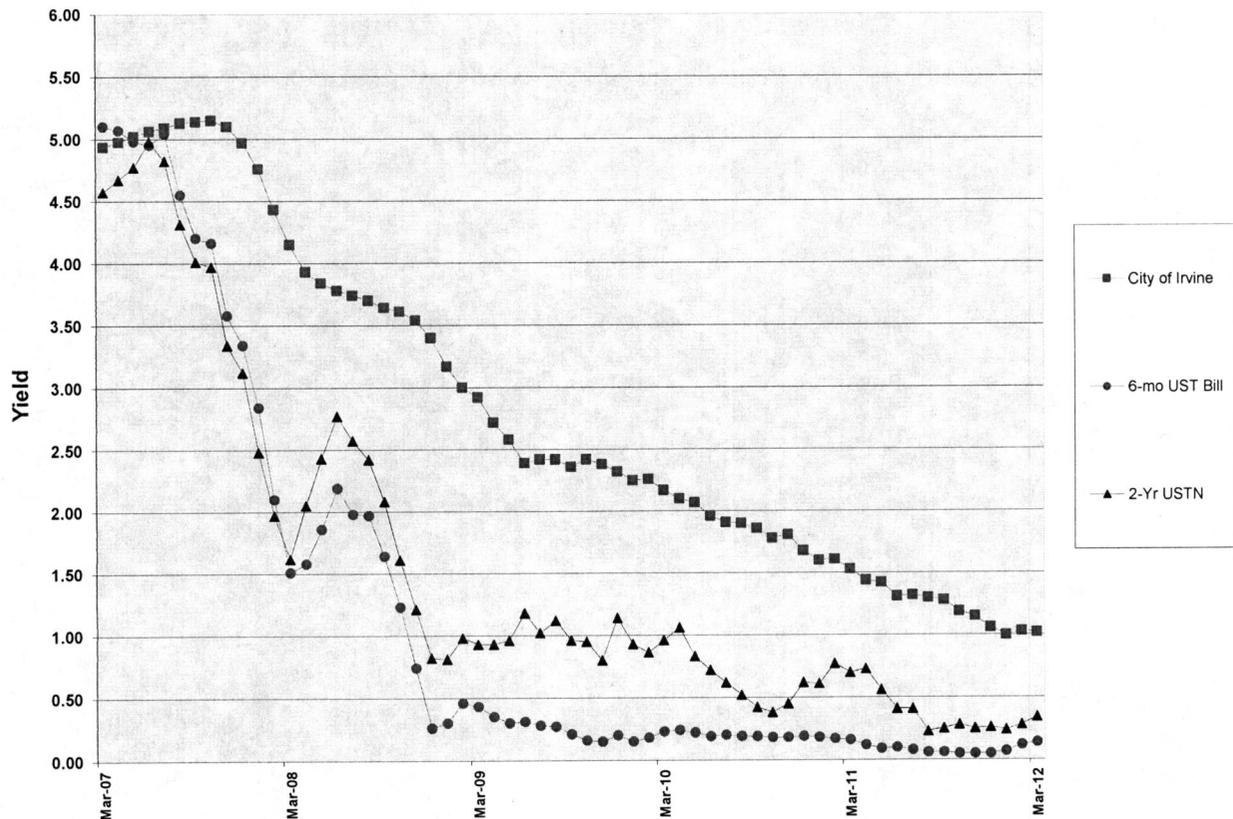
**Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio
Aging of Maturing Investments
as of March 31, 2012**



To gauge performance of the Portfolio, the City compares the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio's yield to maturity against two benchmarks set in the City's Annual Investment Policy. The benchmarks are used as a measure of the Portfolio against market movement. The graph on the following page compares the average yield to maturity of the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio to the 6-month United States Treasury (UST) Bill Index and 2-year UST Note Index, the two benchmarks stated in the Annual Investment Policy. The graph shows the spread (difference between the index and the yield to maturity) over the past five years. The City is experiencing a positive spread against

both the 6-month UST and the 2-year UST. The Portfolio's yield is higher than the 6-month UST by 0.88% and higher than the 2-year UST by 0.68%.

Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio Yield to Maturity Compared to Assigned Benchmarks March 2007 through March 2012



The Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio invests funds attributable to the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and the Great Park Corporation. Pertinent information related to the AMP and Great Park Corporation funds are explained in the following paragraphs.

Asset Management Plan (AMP) Funds

Interest earnings for the AMP funds are allocated based on the AMP fund average daily cash balance. The AMP earned interest of \$96,147 for the quarter ending March 31, 2012 based on an average cash balance of \$61.8 million. Two loans, made by the AMP in 2005 and 2006 to the Irvine Redevelopment Agency (RDA) have an outstanding balance of approximately \$9.6 million, including \$3.1 million of accrued interest. Repayment of these loans is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2015-16.

Assembly Bill x1 26, enacted in 2011, dissolved all redevelopment agencies effective February 1, 2012. The Irvine City Council as the Successor Agency to the dissolved RDA is responsible for winding down the affairs of the dissolved RDA, with certain actions subject to the approval of an Oversight Board and review by the State Department of Finance. These loans are among the obligations of the dissolved RDA included on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (Payment Schedule), which is the list of obligations to be paid from tax increment revenues formerly allocated to the RDA. The Payment Schedule is under review by the State Department of Finance.

Great Park Corporation Funds

The Great Park funds earned interest of \$98,363 for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. The Great Park funds had a combined average daily cash balance of \$63.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Bond Proceeds Fund Portfolio

The Bond Proceeds Fund Portfolio contains special district construction and administration funds that are not held by a trustee. These include older bond issues, funds on hand to finance the City's assessment district inspection and administration, and property assessments received from the County prior to being sent to the trustee. Investment strategy differs in the Bond Proceeds Fund Portfolio from the Pooled Investment Fund Portfolio due to different cash needs between the two. The Bond Proceeds Fund Portfolio needs to be much more liquid to meet debt service payment schedules.

The bullet points below provide a brief synopsis of the Bond Proceeds Portfolio for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

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| • Book Value | \$10,558,804 |
| • Market Value | \$10,585,038 |
| • Unrealized Gains/(Losses) | \$26,234 |
| • Average Weighted Yield to Maturity | 0.558% |
| • Fiscal Year to Date Investment Income | \$56,172 |

Special District Funds Portfolio

The Special District Funds Portfolio contains project and reserve funds for 45 Special Assessment District bond issues and one Community Facilities District. Investments in this Portfolio are made in accordance with each bond's indenture and the strategy is set according to the cash flow needs of the individual district. The Special District Funds Portfolio must also remain very liquid to provide project funds, when requested, as well as meet debt service payment requirements.

The bullet points below provide a brief synopsis of the Special District Funds Portfolio for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Market Conditions

Bond interest rates for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 were slightly higher across the yield curve in comparison to the quarter ended December 31, 2011. Signs of moderate growth in the economy, especially in the labor and housing markets, contributed to the increase in rates as bond market participants shifted their investment to the equity markets. Interest rates peaked in February when the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed the 13,000 mark in reaction to a Greek bailout agreement, which temporarily eased concerns over the turmoil in the European sovereign markets.

At both of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings held during the quarter, the Federal Reserve Bank (Fed) kept the target rate for Fed Funds at 0% to 0.25%. At the January meeting, FOMC extended the date from mid-2013 to late 2014 for maintaining interest rates at their existing low levels. The Fed confirmed its continued policy of "Operation Twist", set to expire in June 2012, which extends the average maturity of the securities purchased by the FOMC through the purchase of securities with remaining maturities of 6 to 30 years and to sell securities of three years or less. The intent of the program is to put downward pressure on long term interest rates to stimulate the economy.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Fiscal year-to-date investment income for the Irvine Pooled Investment Portfolio, Bond Proceeds, and Special Districts portfolios totaled \$3.40 million with investments structured for security and liquidity.

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