

The Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Responsible for preparing the Mayor's Preliminary and Executive Budgets. OMB is also responsible for executing the Adopted Budget and advising the Mayor on policy issues affecting the city's fiscal stability and provision of services. To contact OMB, call (212) 788-5800.

The Mayor's Office of Operations

Oversees the daily operations of city agencies, provides them with technical assistance and consulting services, and coordinates the restructuring of city government. Operations also publishes the preliminary and final Mayor's Management Report, which reports on agency performance. To contact the Office of Operations, call (212) 788-1400.

Comptroller

Responsible for auditing and investigating matters relating to city finances and agency operations. The Comptroller prepares a statement of the debt service required for each fiscal year and also analyzes the Preliminary and Executive budgets. To contact the Comptroller's office, call (212) 669-3500.

Public Advocate

Assists city residents in resolving complaints about government and in accessing services. The Public Advocate also reviews the work of city agencies, including responsiveness to complaints or requests for information and monitors compliance with the City Charter. To reach the Public Advocate's office, call (212) 669-7200.

Independent Budget Office

The Independent Budget Office (IBO) provides non-partisan budgetary, economic, and policy analysis for the residents of New York City and their elected officials, helping to increase New Yorkers' understanding of and participation in the budget process. IBO can be reached at (212) 442-0632.

Web Site Links

Through the IBO Web site you can link to many of the government offices described in this brochure.

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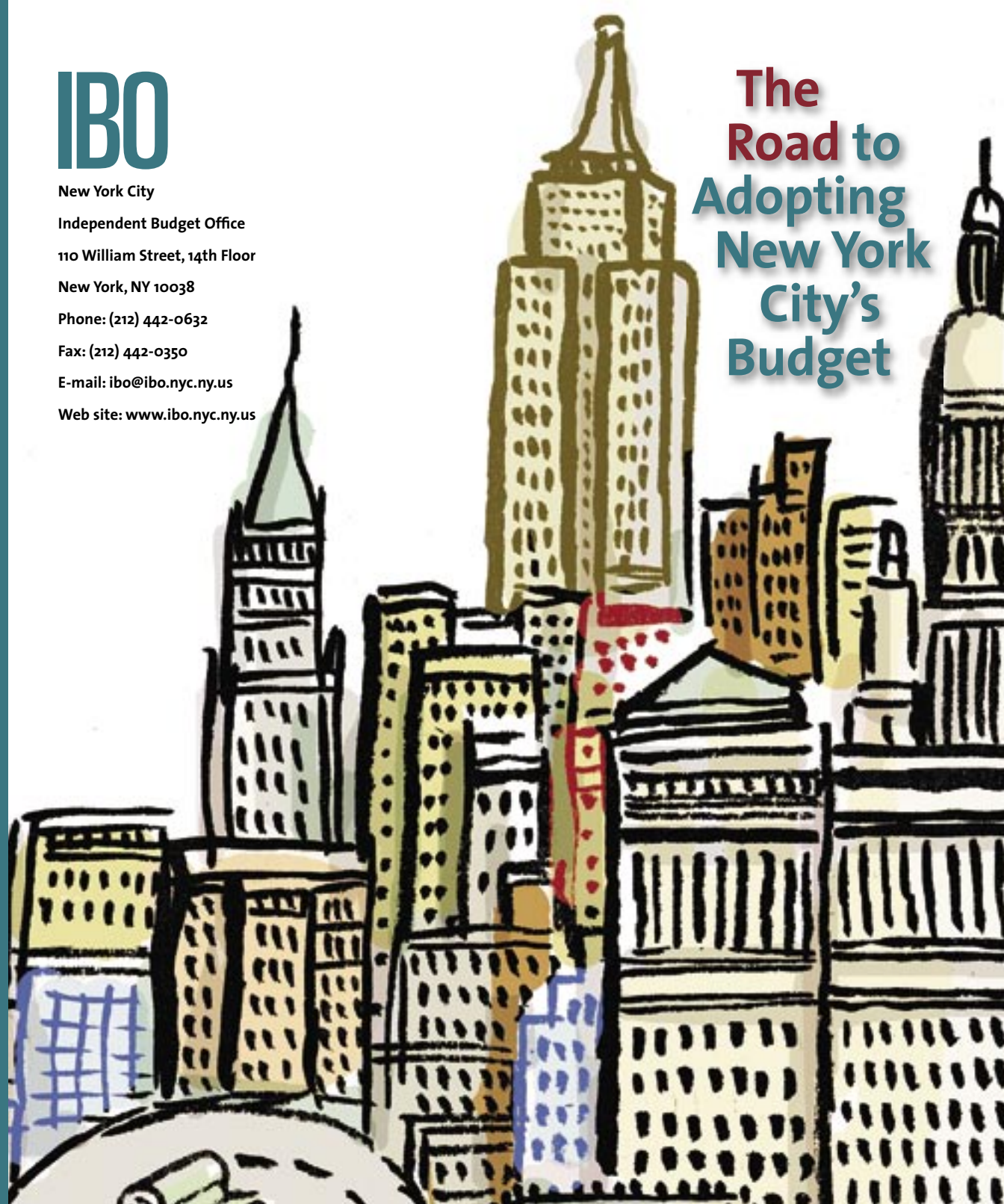
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The Road to Adopting New York City's Budget



This brochure is your roadmap to how the city sets its spending priorities for the services that affect your daily life. New York City's budget – over \$43 billion in fiscal year 2004 – funds public services such as education, sanitation, police, fire, parks, jails, libraries, and cultural institutions. Phone numbers for some of the key players in the budget process are listed below. We encourage you to get involved by staying informed and having your voice heard.

You

Anyone can testify at public hearings. At any stage in the process you can also express your views on the budget by calling or writing your elected officials. Participating early in the process is important so officials will have the most time to consider your views.

Community Boards

The city has 59 neighborhood Community Boards. They primarily play advisory roles in the city's budget process, zoning and land use, and work with city agencies in delivering services in the community. To identify and contact your local Community Board, call (212) 788-7418.

New York City Council

Our city's legislative branch. There are 51 members, each representing one Council district. The Council enacts legislation, approves the city budget, reviews and approves land use actions, and provides oversight of city agencies. To identify and contact your local Council member, call (212) 788-7100.

Borough Board

Chaired by the Borough President, each board is composed of the borough's Council members and Community Board chairpersons. For more information, contact your Borough President's office.

Borough Presidents

Each of the five boroughs has a Borough President who monitors service delivery, prepares a strategic policy statement, and appoints members to the City Planning Commission and the Panel for Education Policy. To contact your Borough President, call:

Bronx - (718) 590-3500 **Brooklyn** - (718) 802-3700
Manhattan - (212) 669-8300 **Queens** - (718) 286-3000
Staten Island - (718) 816-2000.

Independent Budget Office

Roadmap to the New York City Budget Process

September

Community Boards hold public hearings and release their budget priorities to the Mayor and Borough Presidents.

By September 17

The Mayor releases the final Mayor's Management Report on performance of city agencies for the fiscal year that ended on June 30.

By December 15

The Comptroller issues a report on the city's finances.

By January

IBO releases its Fiscal Outlook report on expected levels of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

By January 16

The Mayor releases the Preliminary Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

January 16 - February 15

Community Boards evaluate the responsiveness of the Preliminary Budget to their budget priorities and send a report to the Mayor, the City Council, and their Borough President and Borough Board.

January 30

The Mayor releases the Preliminary Mayor's Management Report reporting on city agency performance during the first four months of the current fiscal year (July through October).

By February 25

Borough Boards hold public hearings and subsequently submit their priorities to the Mayor and City Council.

Note: Except for IBO's Fiscal Outlook report, the deadlines are as mandated by the City Charter but are subject to slight annual changes by the City Council and the Mayor.

By March 10

Borough Presidents send the Mayor and City Council proposals to reallocate money earmarked for their borough in the Preliminary Budget and report on their Borough Board budget priorities.

By March 15

IBO issues its analysis of the Preliminary Budget.

By March 25

City Council committees hold public hearings on the Preliminary Budget and make recommendations to the Mayor.

By April 8

City Council holds public hearings on the Preliminary Mayor's Management Report and releases a report on its findings and recommendations.

April 26

The Mayor releases the Executive Budget.

By May 6

Borough Presidents respond to the Executive Budget.

May 6 - May 25

City Council holds public hearings on the Executive Budget.

By May 15

IBO issues its analysis of the Executive Budget.

By June 5

City Council negotiates changes to the Executive Budget and then votes to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

July 1

New fiscal year begins.

