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City of Riverside Puts Financial Information Online, Increases Transparency

Riverside Residents Can Explore and Analyze City Financial Data on the Internet

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside has made its financial information more readily available than ever by deploying a revolutionary online tool that visualizes that data, giving citizens an unprecedented ability to access, understand and analyze the city’s budget.

“This is a great tool, not just for the City, but also for its residents,” said City Councilman Jim Perry, Chairman of the council’s Finance Committee, where the program was unveiled today. “Anything we can do to add transparency to how the city does business is great.”

Assistant Finance Director Scott Catlett initiated the partnership with OpenGov.com, a Silicon Valley software startup, as part of an ongoing effort to open up government to the public. The tool can be found on the City’s web site: <http://www.riversideca.gov/finance/investor/monthlyreports.asp> (bottom of the page: Financial Data Transparency Portal) or directly at <https://riverside.opengov.com>

“With OpenGov Transparency, our citizens can see how their government’s finances work and where their money is going with the click of a button,” Catlett said. “We pride ourselves on being on the cutting edge of financial issues.”

Zachary Bookman, CEO and co-founder of OpenGov, credited Riverside with “leading the way for transparency in government.” Riverside is one of the largest clients yet for OpenGov, which also has clients in the Sacramento and Bay areas.

“By making its financial data transparent for its citizens, the City deepens the bond with its community and gives meaning to the term ‘access to information,’” Bookman said.

OpenGov, Inc. was founded by Stanford technologists and backed by prominent Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and investors. OpenGov develops user-friendly, intelligent software to help governments

access their financial data, analyze it, and share it with their citizens. More information about the company can be found at <http://opengov.com/>

“This is a major success for our City and Finance Department,” Mayor Rusty Bailey said. “Citizens and staff have immediate, comprehensive access to our budget and financial history, with great vendor support.”