

INVESTMENT POLICY

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Purpose
<p>The City of Menlo Park (the “City”), incorporated in 1927, is located between San Francisco and Oakland on the North, and San Jose on the South. The City is governed by five members elected by district to City Council.</p> <p>The City Council has adopted this Investment Policy (the “Policy”) in order to establish the investment scope, objectives, delegation of authority, standards of prudence, reporting requirements, internal controls, eligible investments and transactions, diversification requirements, risk tolerance, and safekeeping and custodial procedures for the investment of the unexpended funds of the City. All such investments will be made in accordance with the Policy and with applicable sections of the California Government Code.</p> <p>This Policy was endorsed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Menlo Park on the tenth of September 2024. It replaces any previous investment policy or investment procedures of the City.</p>
Scope
<p>The provisions of this Policy shall apply to all financial assets of the city and the former Community Development Agency of Menlo Park as accounted for in the City’s comprehensive annual financial report, with the exception of bond proceeds, which shall be governed by the provisions of the related bond indentures or resolutions.</p> <p>All cash shall be pooled for investment purposes. The investment income derived from the pooled investment account shall be allocated to the contributing funds based upon the proportion of the respective average balances relative to the total pooled balance in the investment portfolio. Investment income shall be distributed to the individual funds on a quarterly basis.</p>
Objectives
<p>The City’s funds shall be invested in accordance with all applicable municipal codes and resolutions, California statutes, and federal regulations, and in a manner designed to accomplish the following objectives, which are listed in priority order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal through diversification to mitigate risk.2. Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash flows.3. Attainment of a market value rate of return.
Delegation of authority
<p>The management responsibility for the city’s investment program is delegated annually by the City Council to the chief financial officer (the “CFO”) pursuant to California Government Code Section 53607. The City’s administrative services director or designee serves as the CFO. In the absence of the CFO, the assistant administrative services director and finance and budget manager are authorized to conduct investment transactions. The CFO may delegate the authority to conduct investment transactions and to manage the operation of the investment portfolio to other specifically authorized staff members. The CFO shall maintain a list of persons authorized to transact securities business for the City. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as expressly provided under the terms of this Policy.</p> <p>The CFO shall develop written administrative procedures and internal controls, consistent with this Policy, for the operation of the City’s investment program. Such procedures shall be designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or imprudent actions by employees of the City.</p> <p>The City may engage the support services of outside investment advisors in regard to its investment program, so long as it can be clearly demonstrated that these services produce a net financial advantage or necessary financial protection of the City’s financial resources.</p>
Prudence
<p>The standard of prudence to be used for managing the City’s investments shall be California Government Code Section 53600.3, the prudent investor standard which states, “When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the</p>

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conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency.”

The City's overall investment program shall be designed and managed with a degree of professionalism that is worthy of the public trust. The City recognizes that no investment is totally without risk and that the investment activities of the City are a matter of public record. Accordingly, the City recognizes that occasional measured losses may occur in a diversified portfolio and shall be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented and that the sale of a security is in the best long-term interest of the city.

The CFO and authorized investment personnel acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided that the deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion to the City Council and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

Ethic and conflicts of interest

Elected officials and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or could impair or create the appearance of an impairment of their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the city manager any business interests they have in financial institutions that conduct business with the city and they shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the city. In addition, the city manager, the assistant city manager and the administrative services director shall file a Statement of Economic Interests each year pursuant to California Government Code Section 87203 and regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Authorized securities and transactions

All investments and deposits of the City shall be made in accordance with California Government Code Sections 16429.1, 53600-53609 and 53630-53686, except that, pursuant to California Government Code Section 5903(e), proceeds of bonds and any moneys set aside or pledged to secure payment of the bonds may be invested in securities or obligations described in the ordinance, resolution, indenture, agreement, or other instrument providing for the issuance of the bonds.

Any revisions or extensions of these code sections will be assumed to be part of this Policy immediately upon being enacted. However, in the event that amendments to these sections conflict with this Policy or past City investment practices, the City may delay adherence to the new requirements when it is deemed in the best interest of the City to do so. In such instances, after consultation with the City's attorney, the CFO will present a recommended course of action to the City Council for approval.

The City has further restricted the eligible types of securities and transactions as follows:

1. United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, or strips with a final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement.
2. Federal agency debentures, federal agency mortgage-backed securities, and mortgage-backed securities with a final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement.
3. Federal instrumentality (government-sponsored enterprise) debentures, discount notes, callable securities, step-up securities, and mortgage-backed securities with a final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement. Subordinated debt may not be purchased.
4. Medium-term notes issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States. Medium-term notes shall have a final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement and shall be rated at least "A" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical ratings organization (NRSRO), at the time of purchase. The purchase of these securities are subject to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations as outlined in the section on responsible investing.
5. Negotiable certificates of deposit with a maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement, in state or nationally chartered banks or savings banks that are insured by the FDIC, subject to the limitations of California Government Code Section 53638. Certificates of Deposits may be purchased only from financial institutions that meet the credit criteria set forth in the section of this Policy, "Selection of Banks and Savings Banks." Depending on their maturity, Negotiable Certificates of Deposit shall have a short-term rating of at least A-1+ or the equivalent by a NRSRO at the time of purchase.
6. Non-negotiable certificates of deposit and savings deposits with a maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement, in FDIC insured state or nationally chartered banks or savings banks that qualify as a depository of

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public funds in the State of California as defined in California Government Code Section 53630.5. Deposits exceeding the FDIC insured amount shall be secured pursuant to California Government Code Section 53652.

7. Municipal and State obligations:

- A. Municipal bonds with a final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement. Such bonds include registered treasury notes or bonds of any of the 50 United States and bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by a state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of any of the states. Such obligations must be rated at least "A", or the equivalent, by a NRSRO at the time of purchase.
- B. In addition, bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of any local agency in California, include bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the local agency, or by a department, board, agency, or authority of the local agency. Such obligations must be rated at least "A", or the equivalent, by a NRSRO at the time of purchase.

8. Prime commercial paper with a maturity not exceeding 270 days from the date of trade settlement with the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a NRSRO. The purchase of these securities are subject to ESG considerations as outlined in the section on responsible investing. The entity that issues the commercial paper shall meet all of the following conditions in either sub-paragraph A. or sub-paragraph B. below:

- A. The entity shall (1) be organized and operating in the United States as a general corporation, (2) have total assets in excess of \$500 million, and (3) have debt other than commercial paper, if any, that is rated in at least the "A" category or the equivalent by an NRSRO.
- B. The entity shall (1) be organized within the United States as a special purpose corporation, trust, or limited liability company, (2) have program-wide credit enhancements, including, but not limited to, over collateralization, letters of credit or surety bond, and (3) have commercial paper that is rated at least "A-1" or the equivalent or higher by a NRSRO.

9. Eligible banker's acceptances with a maturity not exceeding 180 days from the date of trade settlement, issued by a national bank with combined capital and surplus of at least \$250 million, whose deposits are insured by the FDIC, and whose senior long-term debt is rated at least "A" or the equivalent by a NRSRO at the time of purchase.

10. Repurchase agreements with a final termination date not exceeding 30 days collateralized by the U.S. Treasury obligations, federal agency securities, or federal instrumentality securities listed in items #1 through #3 above, with the maturity of the collateral not exceeding five years. For the purpose of this section, the term collateral shall mean purchased securities under the terms of the City's approved Master Repurchase Agreement. The purchased securities shall have a minimum market value including accrued interest of 102% of the dollar value of the funds borrowed. Collateral shall be held in the city's custodian bank, as safekeeping agent, and the market value of the collateral securities shall be marked-to-the-market daily. Repurchase agreements shall be entered into only with banks and with broker/dealers who are recognized as Primary Dealers with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or with firms that have a primary dealer within their holding company structure. Repurchase agreement counterparties shall execute a city approved Master Repurchase Agreement with the city. The CFO shall maintain a copy of the city's approved Master Repurchase Agreement along with a list of the banks and broker/dealers who have executed same.

11. State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), pursuant to California Government Code Section 16429.1.

12. Money market funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 which (1) are "no-load" (meaning no commission or fee shall be charged on purchases or sales of shares); (2) have a constant daily net asset value per share of \$1.00; (3) invest only in the securities and obligations authorized in this Policy and (4) have a rating of at least "AAA" or the equivalent by at least two NRSROs.

Securities that have been downgraded to a level that is below the minimum ratings described herein may be sold or held at the City's discretion.

It is the intent of the City that the foregoing list of authorized securities and transactions be strictly interpreted. Any deviation from this list must be preapproved by resolution of the City Council.

Investment diversification

The City shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over-investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities. Nevertheless, the asset allocation in the investment portfolio should be flexible depending upon the outlook for the economy, the securities markets, and the City's anticipated cash flow needs.

Securities shall not exceed the following maximum limits as a percentage of the total portfolio:

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Type of security	Maximum percentage of the total portfolio
U.S. Treasury obligations	100%
Federal agency securities	100%†
Federal instrumentality securities†	100% †
Repurchase agreements	100%
Local government investment pools	100%
Aggregate amount of Certificates of deposit, negotiable and non-negotiable	25%
Aggregate amount of prime commercial paper*	25%
Aggregate amount of money market funds *	20%
Aggregate amount of municipal bonds*	30%
Aggregate amount of eligible banker's acceptances*	15%
Aggregate amount of medium-term notes*	30%

† No more than 20% of the City's total portfolio shall be invested in mortgage-backed securities.

*No more than 5% of the City's total portfolio shall be invested in any one issuer/financial institution and/or its affiliates.

Portfolio maturities and liquidity

To the extent possible, investments shall be matched with anticipated cash flow requirements and known future liabilities. The City will not invest in securities maturing more than five years from the date of trade settlement unless the City Council has, by resolution, granted authority to make such an investment at least three months prior to the date of investment. The sole maturity distribution range shall be from zero to five years from the date of trade settlement.

Selection of brokers/dealers

The CFO shall maintain a list of brokers/dealers approved for investment purposes, and it shall be the policy of the City to purchase securities only from those authorized firms. To be eligible, a firm must be licensed by the State of California as a broker/dealer as defined in Section 25004 of the California Corporations Code.

The City may engage the services of investment advisory firms to assist in the management of the portfolio and investment advisors may utilize their own list of approved brokers/dealers. The list of approved firms shall be provided to the City on an annual basis or upon request.

In the event that an external investment advisory firm is not used in the process of recommending a particular transaction, each authorized broker/dealer shall be required to submit and annually update a City-approved Broker/Dealer Information Request form, which includes the firm's most recent financial statements. The CFO shall maintain a list of the brokers/dealers that have been approved by the City, along with each firm's most recent broker/dealer information request form. The City may purchase commercial paper from direct issuers even though they are not on the approved broker/dealer list as long as they meet the criteria outlined in Item 8 of the authorized securities and transactions section of this Policy.

Competitive transactions

Each investment transaction shall be competitively transacted with authorized broker/dealers. At least three brokers/dealers shall be contacted for each transaction and their bid and offering prices shall be recorded.

If the City is offered a security for which there is no other readily available competitive offering, the CFO will then document quotations for comparable or alternative securities.

Selection of banks and savings banks

The CFO shall maintain a list of authorized banks and savings banks that are approved to provide banking services for the City. To be eligible to provide banking services, a financial institution shall qualify as a depository of public funds in the State of California as defined in California Government Code Section 53630.5 and must be a member of the FDIC. The City shall utilize S&P Global Financial ratings to perform credit analyses on banks seeking authorization. The analysis shall include a composite rating and individual ratings of liquidity, asset quality, profitability and capital adequacy. Annually, the CFO shall review the most recent credit rating analysis reports performed for each approved bank. Banks that in the judgment of the CFO no longer offer adequate safety to the City shall be removed from the City's list of authorized banks. Banks failing to meet the criteria outlined above, or in the judgment of the CFO no longer

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offer adequate safety to the City, will be removed from the list. The CFO shall maintain a file of the most recent credit rating analysis reports performed for each approved bank. Credit analysis shall be performed on a semi-annual basis.

Safekeeping and custody

The CFO shall select one or more financial institutions to provide safekeeping and custodial services for the City, in accordance with the provisions of Section 53608 of the California Government Code. Custodian banks will be selected on the basis of their ability to provide services for the City's account and the competitive pricing of their safekeeping related services. The CFO shall maintain a file of the credit rating analysis reports performed semi-annually for each approved financial institution. A Safekeeping Agreement approved by the City shall be executed with each custodian bank prior to utilizing that bank's safekeeping services.

The purchase and sale of securities and repurchase agreement transactions shall be settled on a delivery versus payment basis. All securities shall be perfected in the name of the City. Sufficient evidence to title shall be consistent with modern investment, banking and commercial practices.

All investment securities purchased by the City will be delivered by book entry and will be held in third-party safekeeping by a City approved custodian bank, or its Depository Trust Company (DTC) participant account.

Responsible investing

The City is committed to the principles of responsible investing which emphasize environmental stewardship, social responsibility and good governance on the part of all corporate issuers. While these principles are subordinate to the key investment objectives of Safety, Liquidity and Yield noted above, the City's investment choices are guided by the idea that community well-being is enhanced by (a) a commitment to environmental sustainability, including but not limited to reducing carbon emissions and promoting clean energy initiatives; (b) fair labor practices and equal rights regardless of sex, race, age, disability or sexual orientation; and (c) good governance which emphasizes transparency, accountability, and ethical business conduct. As such, the City manages its investment portfolio as an ESG sensitive portfolio that takes into account the different aspects of responsible investing. Direct investment in securities from issuers that are involved in the production of fossil fuels, firearms or tobacco products is prohibited.

Portfolio performance

The investment portfolio shall be designed to attain a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account prevailing market conditions, risk constraints for eligible securities, and cash flow requirements. The performance of the City's investments shall be compared to the average yield on the U.S. Treasury security that most closely corresponds to the portfolio's actual weighted average effective maturity. When comparing the performance of the City's portfolio, its rate of return will be computed net of all fees and expenses.

Portfolio review and reporting

Credit criteria and maximum percentages listed in this section refer to the credit of the issuing organization and/or maturity at the time the security is purchased. The City may, from time to time, be invested in a security whose rating is downgraded below the minimum ratings set forth in this Policy. In the event a rating drops below the minimum allowed rating category for that given investment type, the administrative services director shall notify the city manager and/or designee and recommend a plan of action. Appropriate documentation of such a review, along with the recommended action and final decision, shall be retained for audit.

Quarterly, the CFO shall submit to the City Council a report of the investment earnings and performance results of the City's investment portfolio. The report shall include the following information:

1. Investment type, issuer, date of maturity, par value and dollar amount invested in all securities, and investments and monies held by the City;
2. A description of the funds, investments and programs;
3. A market value as of the date of the report (or the most recent valuation as to assets not valued monthly) and the source of the valuation;
4. A statement of compliance with this Policy or an explanation for non-compliance; and
5. A statement of the ability to meet expenditure requirements for six months, as well as an explanation of why money will not be available if that is the case.

Policy review

This Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council annually. It shall be reviewed at least annually to ensure its consistency with the overall objectives of preservation of principal, liquidity, yield and diversification and its relevance to current law and economic trends. Any amendments to the Policy shall be reviewed by the City's Finance and Audit

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