



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MAYOR JAKE WILSON**

**Date:** June 11, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Jake Wilson, Mayor  
**RE:** Conveying information regarding changes in positions in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

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Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

As a supplement to the Mayor's proposed FY 2027 budget, please find below a list of the 29 positions that were eliminated in the FY 2027 budget after all other measures to close a \$5.4 million budget gap were exhausted.

You will also find the 6 positions that were downgraded, 5 positions that were transferred into new divisions with new titles but will continue to perform substantively similar functions, and 8 positions that were added in this budget.

Reductions to staffing were a last resort after revenue increasing measures, fee increases, use of stabilization funds to pay down debt, operational budget cuts, and use of grant and settlement funds still left a need to reduce more spending to balance the budget. Reductions were made after careful analysis and deliberation to minimize impacts to service delivery.

The information outlined in the chart below can also be found within the budget book.

| <b>Position</b>                        | <b>FY26<br/>Department/Division</b>  | <b>FY27 Projected<br/>Department/Division</b> | <b>Position<br/>Status</b> |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Health Communications Officer          | Health & Human Services<br>Administration                                      | Communications                                | Filled                     |
| Strategic Planning & Equity<br>Manager | Office of Strategic<br>Planning and Community<br>Development<br>Administration | Strategy & Development<br>Administration      | Filled                     |
| Senior Accountant                      | Office of Strategic<br>Planning and Community<br>Development<br>Administration | Strategy & Development<br>Administration      | Filled                     |
| Systems Administrator                  | Constituent Services   | Constituent Services                          | Filled                     |
| Public Information Officer             | Racial and Social Justice  | Communications                                | Filled                     |





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| Investigator   | Racial and Social Justice              | Equity & Belonging                | Filled |
| Assistant City Clerk - Vital Records Licensing       | City Clerk & Licensing Commission      | City Clerk & Licensing Commission | Filled |
| Community Engagement Specialist                      | Racial and Social Justice              | Equity & Belonging                | Vacant |
| Commissions Coordinator                              | Racial and Social Justice              | Equity & Belonging                | Vacant |
| Deputy Director                                      | Racial and Social Justice              | Equity & Belonging                | Vacant |
| Grant Writer   | Grants                                 | Grants                            | Filled |
| IT Helpdesk Administrator                            | Information Technology                 | Technology & Innovation           | Vacant |
| SomerPromise Coordinator                             | Health & Human Services                | Human Services                    | Filled |
| Somer Baby Home Visitor                              | Health & Human Services                | Human Services                    | Filled |
| Clinical Youth Specialist                            | Health & Human Services                | Human Services                    | Filled |
| Office of Food Access & Healthy Communities Director | Health & Human Services Administration | Community Wellness                | Vacant |
| Social Worker  | Health & Human Services Administration | Human Services                    | Vacant |
| Housing Intake Specialist                            | Housing                                | Housing                           | Vacant |
| Administrative Assistant                             | Housing & Housing Stability            | Housing & Housing Stability       | Vacant |
| Human Resource Manager                               | Human Resources                        | People Operations                 | Vacant |
| Onboarding Coordinator                               | Human Resources                        | People Operations                 | Vacant |
| Benefits Manager                                     | Human Resources                        | People Operations                 | Vacant |
| Head Clerk   | Parking                                | Parking                           | Vacant |
| Director of Finance & Administration                 | Water & Sewer                          | Water & Sewer                     | Vacant |
| Project Assistant                                    | Capital Projects                       | Capital Projects                  | Vacant |



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| Deputy Sealer                                     | Inspectional Services                    | Inspectional Services         | Filled            |
| Finance Manager                                   | Office of Sustainability and Environment | Sustainability & Environment  | Filled            |
| Residential Decarbonization Manager               | Office of Sustainability & Environment   | Sustainability & Environment  | Vacant            |
| Preventive Maintenance Manager                    | DPW Facilities                           | Facilities                    | Frozen for 1-year |
| SHMEO to PWL (overnight)                          | DPW Highway                              | Streets & Sidewalks           | Downgrade         |
| SHMEO to PWL                                      | DPW Highway                              | Streets & Sidewalks           | Downgrade         |
| HMEO to PWL                                       | DPW Buildings                            | Buildings                     | Downgrade         |
| Motor Equipment Repair to Junior Equipment Repair | DPW Fleet                                | Fleet                         | Downgrade         |
| SHMEO Tree Surgeon to PWL                         | DPW Grounds                              | Grounds                       | Downgrade         |
| HMEO to PWL                                       | DPW Grounds                              | Grounds                       | Downgrade         |
| HR Operations Manager                             |  | People Operations             | New               |
| Program Evaluation (funded 50% of year post-ARPA) |  | SomerStat                     | New               |
| Equity Coordinator                                |  | Equity & Belonging            | New               |
| Police Accountability Program Director            |  | Executive Office              | New               |
| Procurement Manager                               |  | Health & Human Services       | New               |
| Director of Community Wellness                    |  | Community Wellness            | New               |
| Finance Manager                                   |  | Infrastructure Administration | New               |
| Business Operations Manager                       |  | Infrastructure Administration | New               |



| <b>FY 26 Position</b>                          | <b>FY26 Department/Division</b> | <b>FY27 Position</b>                           | <b>FY27 Department/ Division</b>   | <b>Position Status</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Deputy Director of Human Services              | Health & Human Services         | Director of Human Services                     | Human Services                     | Transfer               |
| Deputy Director of Public Health               | Health & Human Services         | Director of Public Health                      | Public Health                      | Transfer               |
| Minority/Women Business Support Senior Planner | Economic Development            | Director of Engagement & Neighborhood Services | Engagement & Neighborhood Services | Transfer               |
| Communications Coordinator                     | Communications                  | Engagement Coordinator                         | Engagement & Neighborhood Services | Transfer               |
| Payroll Coordinator                            | Human Resources                 | Payroll Manager                                | People Operations                  | Transfer               |

Please let the IGA team know if there are any further questions on any of the above information.

Thank you,

**Jake Wilson**  
Mayor