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City of Brockton receives ‘Distinguished Budget Presentation Award’ by Government Finance Officers Association

BROCKTON, MA - The City of Brockton is pleased to announce it has been awarded the ‘Distinguished Budget Presentation Award’ from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2020. Mayor Robert F. Sullivan made the announcement. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In earning this recognition, the City has demonstrated that its budget document is among the best in North America.

Brockton is 1 of 17 Massachusetts municipalities and ‘special districts’ to receive this award. The City is also the only municipality of the 27 in Plymouth County to earn this honor.

“This was a wonderful team effort, from the Mayor's Office to our dedicated Finance staff. What an honor to be recognized as an international leader in transparency and good government,” said Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson.

The award shows that the City’s budget document functions effectively in each of these 4 nationally recognized categories:

- as a policy document,
- as a financial plan,
- as an operations guide, and
- as a communications device.

The City’s budget documents received a grade of "proficient" in each category listed above, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories. The award comes with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation from the GFOA, in addition to a brass medallion.

This accomplishment is a reflection of Mayor Robert F. Sullivan's commitment to modernizing the City's government practices. By earning this award, the City and its Finance Department are setting a new standard for governmental budgeting.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work, dedication and collaboration that went into producing a winning budget document," said Mayor Robert F. Sullivan. "Transparency, efficiency and equitable distribution of resources is essential. The City of Champions can now say it is a champion in governmental transparency."

For more background information on this award visit <https://www.gfoa.org/budget-award>.

A photo of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is attached.