
FISCAL LEADERSHIP MODELS: YOLO COUNTY EXAMPLE

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TRADITIONAL MODEL: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Traditional Model

Elected
Auditor Controller/Treasurer-
Tax Collector

Responsibilities:

- Provide financial oversight and assurance of accountability
- Distribute taxes and other revenues to County and agencies

Challenge:

- Often splits financial responsibilities between Auditor, CAO, Departments, with duplication of staff



YOLO COUNTY TRANSITION

Yolo County Model

Appointed
Director of Finance,
Department of Finance

Additional Oversight

*Independent Finance
Oversight Committee*

*Annual Independent
Audit*

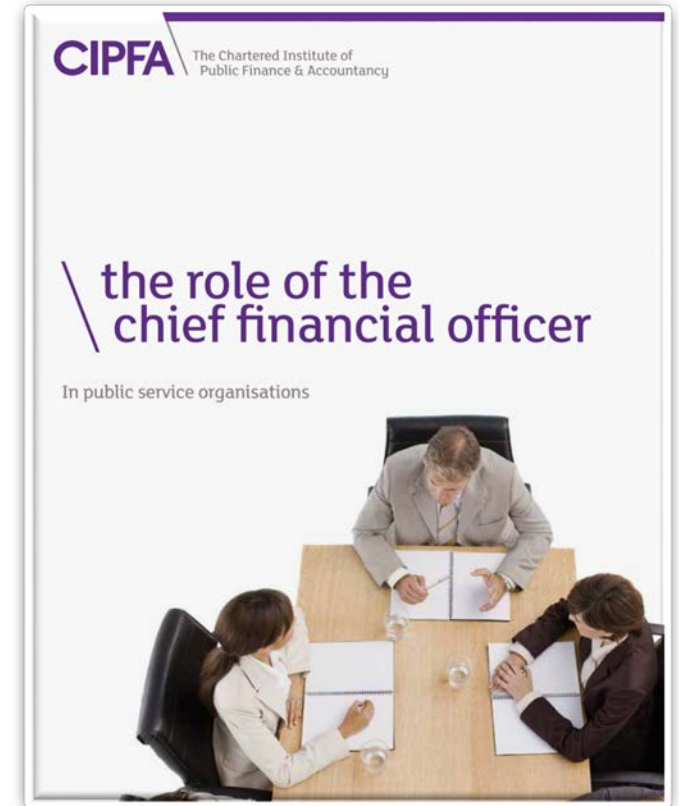
CIPFA:

Establishment of a Chief Financial Officer

- Key Member of Leadership Team
- Lead financial management of whole organization
- Lead and direct a finance function

Reason for Transition:

- Reduce duplication of fiscal functions (Great Recession)
- Link fiscal and operational management



BALLOT MEASURE H



"Shall the County of Yolo **consolidate** the offices of Auditor, Controller, Tax Collector and Treasurer and other countywide fiscal functions under a Department of Finance by establishing an **appointed Director of Finance**, create an **independent finance oversight committee**, and require an **annual independent audit** of the Department of Finance?"

- November 2012 Ballot – **Passed w/ 65.6% in favor**

DFS VISION STATEMENT

“The modern finance function in Yolo County is a **provider of comprehensive financial services** that ensure good stewardship as well as a **strategic business partner** that provides management with data-driven insight and forward-looking guidance on decision making. Modern finance is committed to **operational excellence**, automating and reinventing processes where possible to focus on activities of strategic value. It is committed to **leveraging technology** to upgrade finance staff’s analytical and collaborative capabilities.”



QUESTIONS?



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