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COUNTY WINS GFOA FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

The County of Santa Cruz has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The County's report was reviewed by an impartial panel and found to meet the program's high standards, including demonstrating a "spirit of full disclosure" in communicating the County's financial position and encouraging public understanding of government finances. The Certificate of Achievement is GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"This recognition reflects the County's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources," County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Laura Bowers said. "Clear and accessible financial reporting helps residents understand how public funds are managed and strengthens trust in County government."

GFOA represents more than 25,000 public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada and works to advance excellence in government finance through best practices, professional development, research and other resources.

This is one of several financial reporting awards received by the County in recent years, including a Challenge Award from the California State Association of Counties for its award-winning budget site, sccbudget.us.

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