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Maria Zuniga has 16 years of experience in county government, including budget management, leading large-scale enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation and management, and conducting performance management and strategic planning. She led the implementation of Bernalillo County's transparency and performance management initiative using the OpenGov platform, including developing dashboards for each of the county's 35 departments and featuring approximately 300 performance measure graphs.

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About Bernalillo County

- · Located in central New Mexico
- Incorporates the City of Albuquerque
- Population 662,562
- Employs ~2,500 full time employees
- 5 Commissioners elected by district
- 5 Elected Officials Assessor, Clerk, Probate Judge, Sheriff, and Treasurer are elected countywide
- 35 county departments that range from animal services to zoning



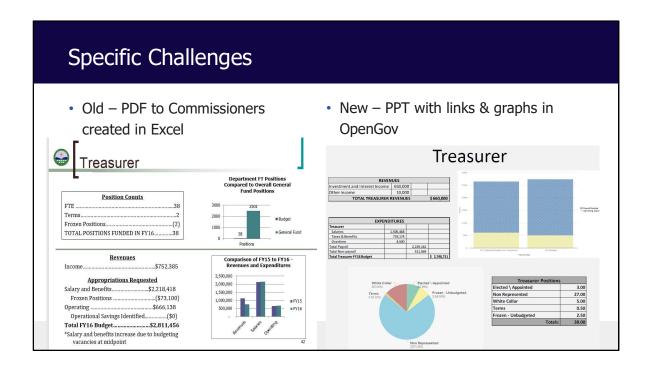




Specific Challenges

- Public budget hearings
 - > Creating PDF report for each of 35 departments
 - Extract data from system, validate, create graphs and tables in Excel
 - Replicate same process each year
 - Manual
 - Potential for errors
 - > Difficult to provide both high-level and detailed info

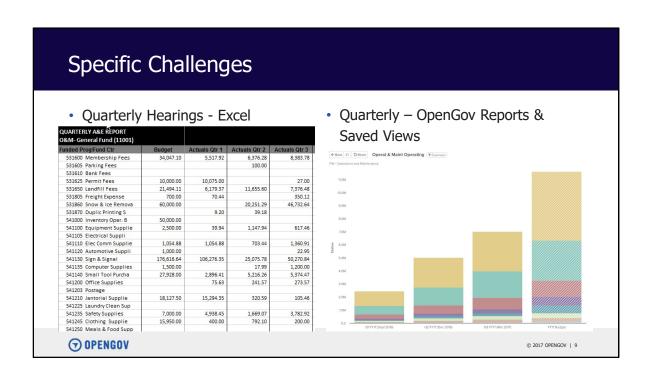
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Specific Challenges

- · Quarterly budget reviews with departments
 - > Time-consuming to extract data and prepare reports
 - Standard report templates extracted, formatted, validated by analysts each quarter
 - 4-5 budget analysts, 35 reports, 4 times per year
 - Approx. 2 working days per analyst spent on this task each quarter (internal cost ~ \$11k per year)

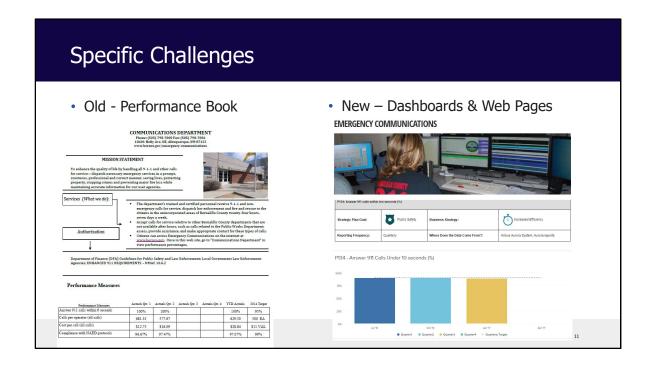
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Specific Challenges

- Performance measures
 - > Performance book with tables of data
 - > Department participation lackluster
 - > Data validation difficult
 - > Difficult to illustrate alignment to strategic plan

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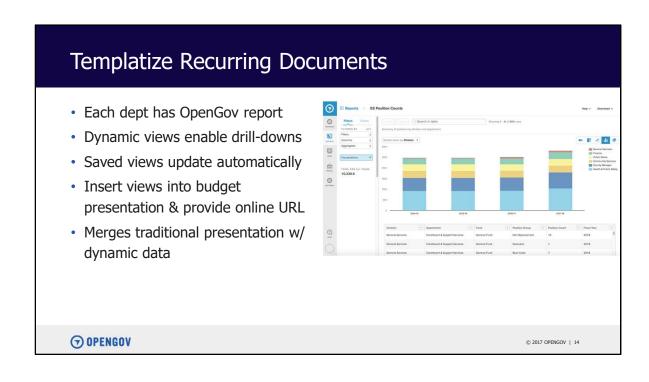


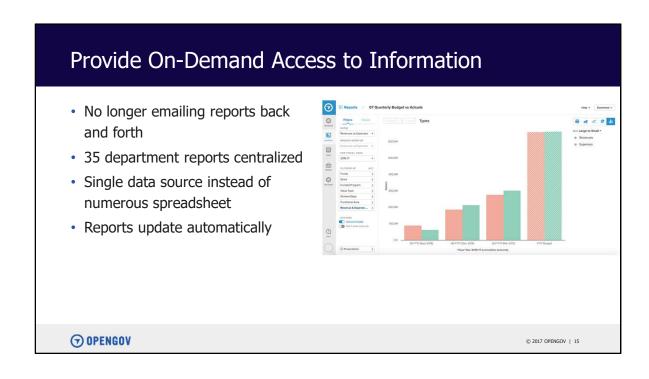


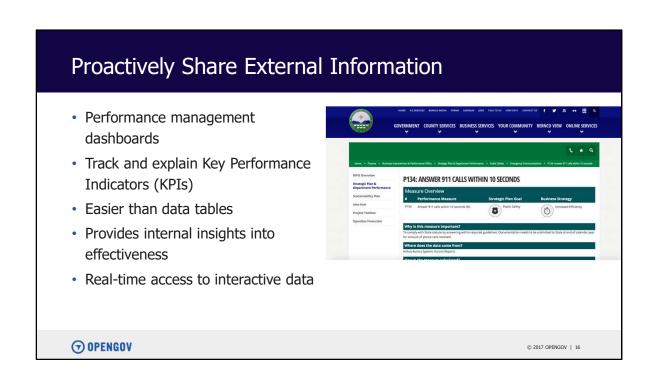
The Strategies We Use

- Transparency & accountability
 - > Proactively share information with the public
- Make it easy to understand & access information
 - > On-demand access
 - > Data flexibility: high-level and detailed
 - > Templatize recurring documents











Takeaways

- Traditional PDF reports and presentations aren't going away
 - > Create static reports faster by automating chart creation
 - > Augment them with dynamic, visual reports
- Centralize data and reports reduces duplication and eases access
- Embrace and communicate performance metrics

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