CITY ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The City Attorney provides legal advice and services to the City so city activities, staff recommendations, council policies and administrative procedures are undertaken after consideration of sound professional legal advice. The City Attorney provides or arranges for appropriate representation for the City in all legal proceedings.

LEGAL & LITIGATION ISSUES – DIVISION 06

General legal and litigation services are provided to the City and the Davis Redevelopment Successor Agency primarily through a contract with a full-service legal firm for all legal assistance. The City engages Best, Best and Krieger, a firm that has significant public law and municipal experience. The City Attorney is Harriet Steiner. The City may also draw upon any number of lawyers at the firm depending upon the number and variety of legal issues to be addressed.

CONTRACT LEGAL SERVICES

- Provide legal advice to City staff and officials
- Review, revise, prepare legal documents
- Defend the City in litigation
- Represent the City before judicial or administrative boards and agencies
- Provide information to the public on city ordinances and regulations
- Conduct legal actions to enforce city regulations or enjoin violations of state or city laws or regulations
- Provide legal advice at City Council meetings

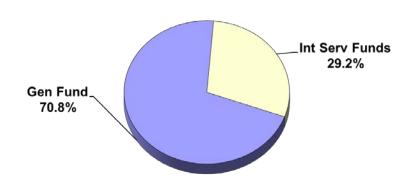


Harriet Steiner has been City Attorney of Davis since 1986 and is a member of Best, Best & Krieger practicing in their Sacramento office.

11-12 Actual	12-13 Actual	13-14 Adjusted	14-15 Adopted
331,163	265,592	362,967	362,967
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Expenses by Category				
Expenditures	11-12 Actual	12-13 Actual	13-14 Adjusted	14-15 Adopted
Salaries & Benefits	0	0	0	. 0
Operations & Maintenance	479,555	334,547	512,967	512,967
Interdepartmental Charges	0	0	0	O
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	(
Total Expenditures	479,555	334,547	512,967	512,967

Source of Funds for 2014-15 Budget



Major Budget Highlights

Operations and Maintenance:

Expenditures for the City Attorney's office are based on the level of legal advice and the amount of litigation incurred during the year. FY2012/13 saw a reduction in litigation costs for the fiscal year.

In FY 14-15, the same amount of funds have been budgeted for legal services.

		EXPEND	EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	GORY				FUNDING	FUNDING SOURCES		
Program	Salaries & Benefits	Operations & Maintenance	Inter- departmental Charges	Capital	Program Total	General	General Fund Fees & Charges	General Fund Fund Grants/ General Fund Fund Grants/ General Fees & Designated Fund Charges Revenue	Total General Fund Support	Other Funds	Program Total
610 - Legal & Litigation Services	0	512,967	0	0	512,967	362,967	0	0	362,967	150,000	512,967
Total CITY ATTORNEY	0	512,967	0	0	512,967	362,967	0	0	362,967	150,000	512,967

