

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. Although the City has a designated City Attorney, 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.

The City Council contracts with the firm Richards Watson Gershon (RWG) for legal services, with City Attorney Inder Khalsa as the lead City Attorney. Ms. Khalsa is assisted by a team of other attorneys with expertise in various aspects of municipal law, including land use, contracting, personnel, litigation, and environmental issues. The City has contracted with RWG since June 2019.

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

Department Summary				City Attorney
Budget Descriptions	FY 2017/18 Actual	FY 2018/19 Actual	FY 2019/20 Estimate	FY 2020/21 Adopted
Source of Funds				
General Fund Support	589,212	164,759	170,217	170,217
Internal Service Funds	93,421	3,310	140,000	150,000
Total Revenues Sources	682,633	168,069	310,217	320,217
Appropriations				
<i>Operations and Maintenance</i>				
Contracts/Professional Services	682,633	168,069	310,217	320,217
Total Operations and Maintenance	682,633	168,069	310,217	320,217
Total Appropriations	682,633	168,069	310,217	320,217

Fiscal Year 2020/21 Adopted Budget

Program	EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY					FUNDING SOURCES		
	Salaries & Benefits	Operations & Maintenance	Contracts & Professional Services	Inter-departmental Charges	Capital Outlay	Program Total	General Fund	Other Funds
0610 - Legal And Litigation Services	-	-	320,217	-	-	320,217	170,217	150,000
TOTAL CITY ATTORNEY	-	-	320,217	-	-	320,217	170,217	150,000
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