

CITY ATTORNEY

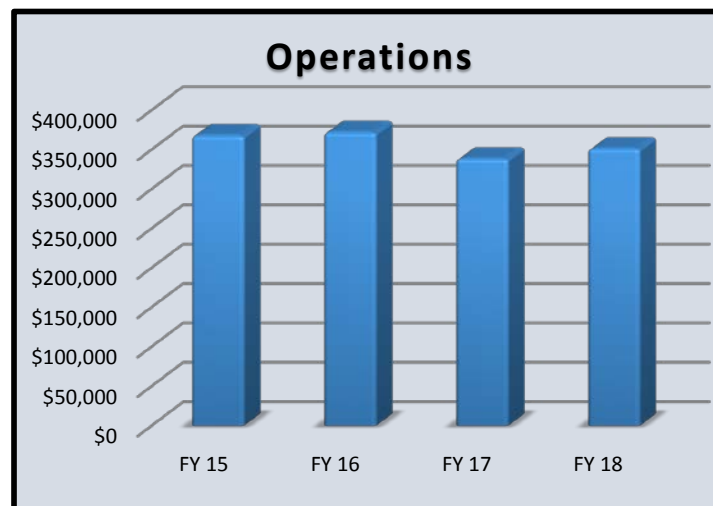
The City Attorney acts as general counsel to the city for all of the city's legal affairs. Acting in concert with the City Council, the City Attorney has adopted a collaborative approach to providing legal services to the city. Certain legal matters are assigned to outside counsel in order to take advantage of legal specialization and cost savings. Other matters are assigned within the City Attorney's office in order to quickly and efficiently respond to the city's legal needs. David P. Persson of the law firm of Persson & Cohen, P.A. serves as City Attorney for the City of Venice. He has more than a quarter of a century of experience advising local governments.

As part of his duties, the City Attorney or attorneys from his office attend all City Council meetings as well as meetings of the various city boards and commissions. Other responsibilities include the preparation and review of ordinances and resolutions, consultation with city officials and staff, contract preparation and review, as well as representation of the City of Venice in litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate matters. Upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, labor matters are handled by the law firm of Allen, Norton and Blue, P.A.

The goals and objectives of the office of the City Attorney are simple: provide prompt, accurate and cost effective legal advice to the elected and appointed city officials so that they can better serve the needs of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Venice.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Amended Budget FY 17	Proposed Budget FY 18
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	368,131	372,003	338,650	351,491
Totals	\$ 368,131	\$ 372,003	\$ 338,650	\$ 351,491



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Excluding 5/18/17
Encumbrances ↓

Department 0501	Actual FY 2014	Actual FY 2015	Actual FY 2016	Amended Budget FY 2017	Expected FY17	Amended Budget FY 2017	Proposed Budget FY2018	Increase (Decrease)	Comments
Grand Total	312,971	368,131	372,003	338,650	338,650	338,650	351,491	12,841	
Exp - Miscellaneous, services and supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
514.40-00 - TRAVEL AND TRAINING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Exp - Professional Services	312,971	368,131	372,003	338,650	338,650	338,650	351,491	12,841	
514.31-03 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / LEGAL	312,971	363,106	372,003	313,650	313,650	313,650	321,491	7,841	
514.34-00 - OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	0	5,025	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	5,000	