

CITY ATTORNEY

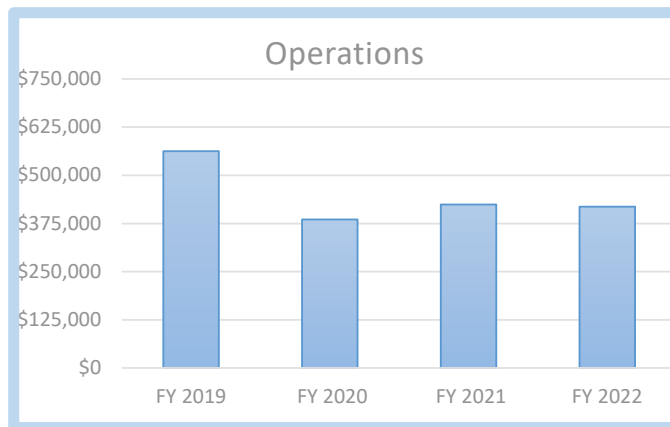
The City Attorney acts as general counsel to the city for all of the city's legal affairs. Acting in concert with the City Council, the City Attorney has adopted a collaborative approach to providing legal services to the city. Certain legal matters are assigned to outside counsel in order to take advantage 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. Kelly Fernandez, of the law firm of Persson & Cohen, P.A. serves as City Attorney for the City of Venice.

As part of her duties, the City Attorney or attorneys from her office attend all City Council meetings as well as meetings of the various city boards and commissions. Other responsibilities include the preparation/review of ordinances and resolutions, consultation with city officials and staff, contract preparation/review, as well as representation of the City in litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate matters. Upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, labor matters are handled by the law firm 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 2019	Actual FY 2020	Amended Budget FY 2021	Proposed Budget FY 2022
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	562,528	385,402	424,165	418,556
Settlement	980,656	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 1,543,184	\$ 385,402	\$ 424,165	\$ 418,556



CITY OF VENICE CITY ATTORNEY EXPENDITURES													001-0501
6 months = 50% target													As of 5/10/21
Department 0501	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Adopted Budget FY 2021	Amends/ Proj/Enc Rolls to FY 2021	Amended Budget FY 2021	YTD Thru 3/31/21	% YTD FY21	Expected FY 2021	Expected Variance	Proposed Budget FY 2022	Incr (Decr) over FY21 Orig Bud	Pct Incr (Decr)	FY2022 Budget Comments
Grand Total	1,543,184	385,402	424,165	0	424,165	191,716	45%	424,165	0	418,556	(5,609)	-1.3%	
Exp - Professional Services	1,543,184	385,402	424,165	0	424,165	191,716	45%	424,165	0	418,556	(5,609)	-1.3%	
514.31-03 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / LEGAL	562,528	368,951	394,165	0	394,165	191,716	49%	394,165	0	398,556	4,391	1.1%	1.7% CPI + \$100K non-retainer
514.34-00 - OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	0	16,451	30,000	0	30,000	0	0%	30,000	0	20,000	(10,000)	-33.3%	
514.49-00 - OTHER - SETTLEMENTS	980,656	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	