

Office of the County Counsel

FY 2019-21 Recommended Budget

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



Mission

The Office of the County Counsel provides quality and timely legal services to the Board of Supervisors, the County Manager's Office, elected County officials, all County departments, and boards and commissions. We also provide services to school districts, special districts, and other public agencies operating within the county, allowing them to carry out their responsibilities in a manner fully consistent with the law.

FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

A. Impact Litigation & Amicus Support

- Sea level rise
- Opioids
- Immigration:
 - a) Census 2020
 - b) Constitutional protection for immigrant detainees
 - c) DACA rescission
- Local control of gun regulation
- LGBTQ anti-discrimination:
 - a) Masterpiece Cakeshop
 - b) Challenge to Title VII (pending)

FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

B. Ordinances/Resolutions (some examples)

- Safe gun storage
- Cannabis
- Airport regulation
- Short term rental
- Tenant protection
- AB 626 Micro-kitchen enterprise
- Lactation accommodation

FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

C. Other Legal Support (some examples)

- Affordable housing
- Peninsula Clean Energy
- Project Development Unit legal support/provision of Interim Director
- Three new agencies:
 - a) San Mateo County Flood Control and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District
 - b) Countywide RDA Oversight Board
 - c) Express Lanes JPA
- Labor negotiations FY 2018-2019 cycle
- Verity bankruptcy
- Provision of Real Property Director

FY 2017-19 Accomplishments

C. Other Legal Support (cont.)

- Event Center Master Plan/Hotel
- Public access:
 - a) Tunitas Creek Beach
 - b) Martin's Beach
- North Fair Oaks (streetscape, code enforcement, red tag ordinance, master plan)
- Bond refinancing
- Charter review process
- Leading effort in law enforcement records transparency (SB 1421)
- Truth Act/Trust Act/Values Act support
- Support CMO/BOS on Measure K efforts
- Resolve Measure T collection issues (\$2.3M)

FY 2019-20 Budget Overview

	FY 2018-19 Revised	FY 2019-20 Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	8,742,096	7,458,971	(1,283,125)	(14.7)
Total Requirements	16,060,610	15,363,963	(696,647)	(4.3)
Net County Cost	7,318,514	7,904,992	586,478	8.0
Total Positions	48	48	0	0

FY 2020-21 Budget Overview

	FY 2019-20 Recommended	FY 2020-21 Preliminary Recommended	Amount Change	Percent Change
Total Sources	7,458,971	8,040,794	581,823	7.8
Total Requirements	15,363,963	16,291,344	927,381	6.0
Net County Cost	7,904,992	8,250,550	345,558	4.4
Total Positions	48	48	0	0.0

FY 2019-21 Challenges

- Recruitment of top notch legal talent in an environment of escalating legal salaries in the private legal market.
- Keeping pace with the increasing volume and complexity of legal work in a digital, 24/7 work environment.

FY 2019-21 Priorities and Innovations

- County Capital Projects;
- Sea Level Rise;
- Responding to constantly evolving federal regulatory environment;
- Affordable housing;
- Local airport management;
- North Fair Oaks Community Center/Housing Project;
- Transportation;
- Mail ballot election.

Questions?