

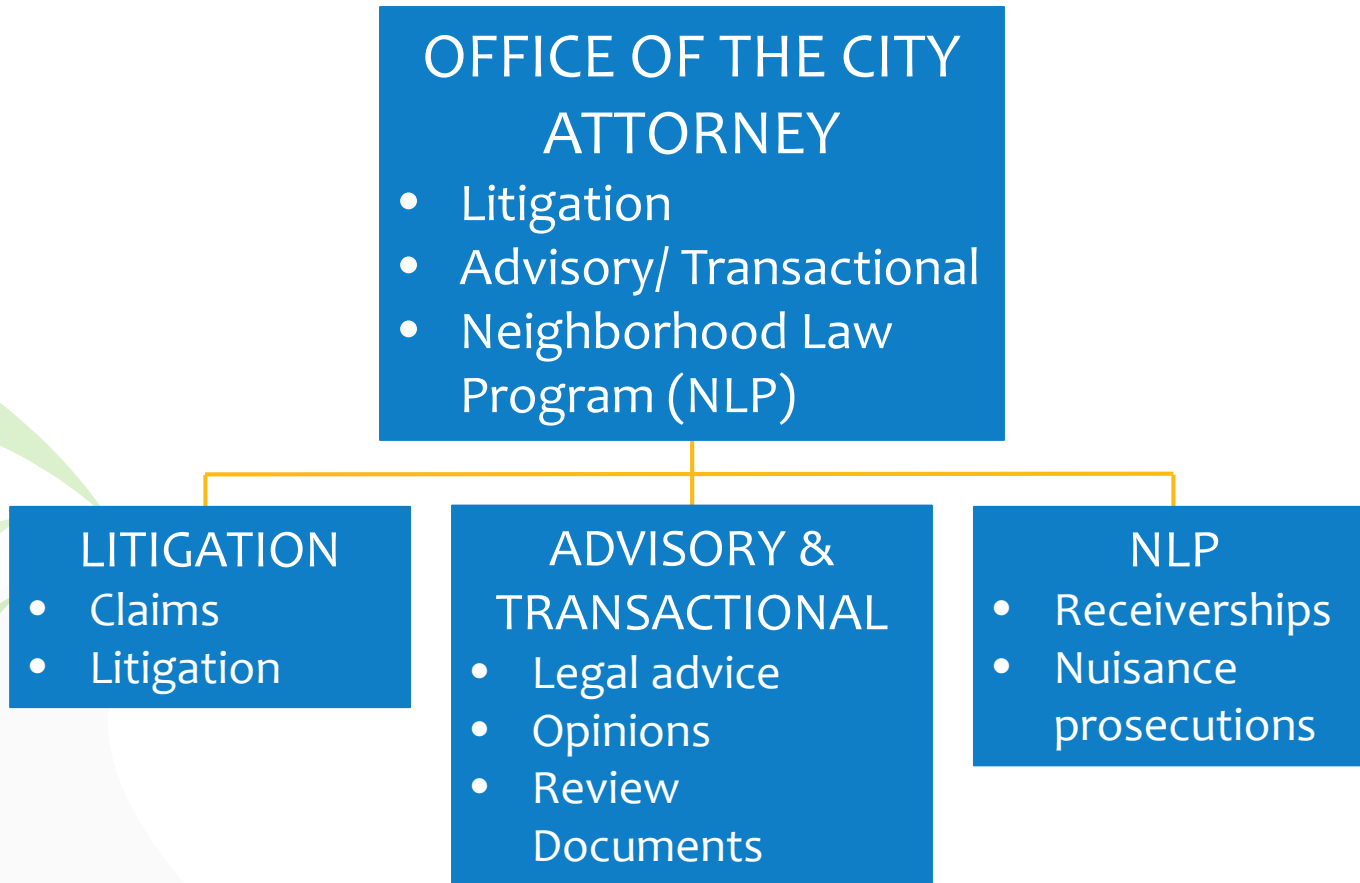
FY 2015-16 Budget Presentation Office of the City Attorney

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Department Functions



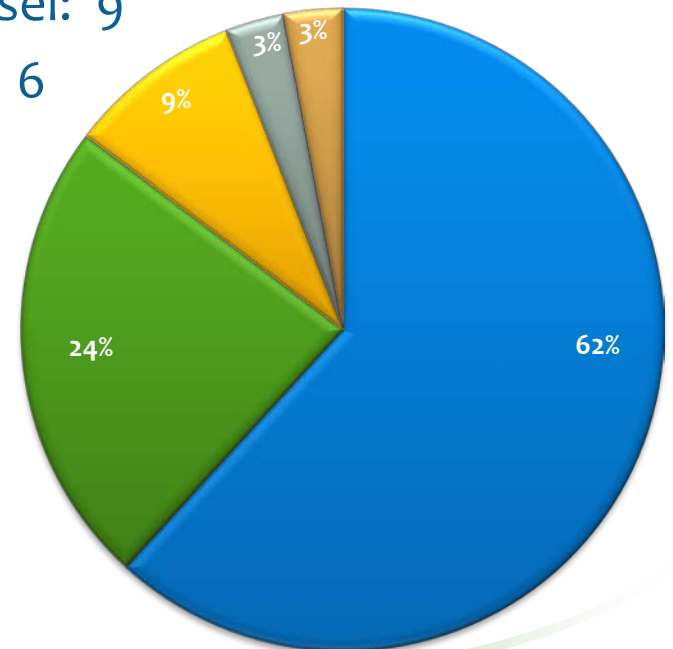
Major Activities

- Litigation
 - Defense
 - NLP and In-house Prosecution
 - MMD/TRO/Preliminary Injunctions Granted
 - Nuisance Abatement/Receiverships
- Risk Management and Claims handling
 - TPA and CJPRMA
 - Insurance/ training
 - Workers Comp litigation input, audit
- Advisory/Transactional
 - Controversial Projects/ land use/ art
 - Economic Development Projects/ North Mare Island/waterfront

Litigation Defense

New Lawsuits	Total Active Lawsuits	Closed Lawsuits
8	34	9

- Litigation – Dispositive Motions: 6 (5 In-house)
- Litigation – Settled Cases: 5 (2 In-house)
- Cases Handled In-house: 25 // Outside Counsel: 9
- MMD/TRO/Preliminary Injunctions Granted: 6
 - Herbal Elements
 - VOC
 - Korova Edibles
 - Bank of Meds
 - Plant World 101 North



Active Lawsuits by Dept

■ POLICE ■ PW ■ MISC ■ ECON DEV ■ FIRE

Claims Management and Administration

Litigation Ratio

Date	Claims	Lawsuits from Claims	Litigation Ratio
Jan 2013 – Dec 2013	120	23	19%
Jan 2014 – Dec 2014	129	20	16%
Jan 2015 – Dec 2015	99	5	5%

The City Attorney's office continues to improve the claims program in order to reduce costs, lower our litigation ratio and improve efficiency. In addition to fewer lawsuits filed, cost have been significantly reduced year over year.

	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
Claims Administration Fees	\$45,927	\$89,510	\$91,200

Training and Advisory to Reduce VPD Legal and Claim Costs

- The City Attorney's Office led two trainings to sworn officers, explaining the litigation process and potential areas of exposure.
- Internal Affairs Sergeant writes a written analysis in connection with all Government Tort claims.
- In FY 2014/2015 the City Attorney's Office implemented a Drivers Training Program, all non-sworn police staff attended a session.
- CAO participates at the VPD Critical Review Board to provide liability perspective.
- CAO participates at the quarterly Collision Review to review accidents for dangerous condition liability. Other participants are the traffic engineer and traffic lieutenant.

Budget Initiatives

- Litigation Team
 - All litigation defense
 - Marijuana enforcement
 - Claims Processing / Risk Management
- Advisory/ Transactional
 - Council / Commission staffing (Council, Planning, Civil Service)
 - Legal support to all departments and PB: laws, regulations
 - Legal document review, edits: Planning, Economic Development, Public Works, Finance, CM

Budget Initiatives - Measure B

NEIGHBORHOOD LAW PROGRAM: Civil Nuisance Actions

- ***Properties currently in litigation***
 - *People v. Dieden* (150 Mahogany Street)
 - *People v. Herbal Elements* (1702 Tuolumne Street)

Budget Initiatives - Measure B

NEIGHBORHOOD LAW PROGRAM: Civil Nuisance Actions

- **Civil lawsuits resolved or subject to ongoing agreement or judgment**
 - *People v. Shankles* (251 Sonora Pass Road)
 - *People v. Gutierrez* (1319 Napa Street)
 - *People v. Williams* (205 Curry Avenue)
 - *People v. GAMFAM LLC* (115 Broadway Street)
 - *People v. Cortes* (744 Alabama Street)
 - *People v. Monaco* (124 Illinois Street)
 - *People v. Milliken* (401 Phelan Avenue)
 - *People v. Gleason* (1905 D Broadway Street)
 - *People v. FNMA* (148 Hogan Avenue)

205 Curry Avenue

Before



After

Budget Initiatives - Measure B

NEIGHBORHOOD LAW PROGRAM: Receiverships

- **Properties with receiver appointed**

- City of Vallejo v. Bishop (318-320 Kentucky Street)
- City of Vallejo v. Carter (121 Luann Court)
- City of Vallejo v. Hornes (2210 Sacramento Street)
- City of Vallejo v. Hornes (2228 Sacramento Street)
- City of Vallejo v. Sandoval (1247 Magazine Street)
- City of Vallejo v. Varing (2815 Webb Street)
- City of Vallejo v. Weeks (3321 Hazelwood Street)

Funds recovered in 2015 through
Receivership actions:
\$34,188.46
(\$106,421.21 since 2013)

3321 Hazelwood Street



Budget Initiatives - Measure B

NEIGHBORHOOD LAW PROGRAM: Receiverships

- **Properties where receivership has been completed**
 - *City of Vallejo v. Kempton (137 Muller Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Kempton (140 Martin Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Ahlgrim (150 Farragut Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Bank of New York (330 Moorland Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Brumfield (1914 Florida Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Dacoron (263 Reynard Lane)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Dethlefsen (14 Hollywood Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Deutsche Bank (221 Tennessee Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Lim (424 Coughlan Street)*
- **Receivership “as-is” sales: working with new owner on rehabilitation**
 - *City of Vallejo v. Arphaxad (618 Branciforte Street)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Brewster (907 Falcon Drive)*
 - *City of Vallejo v. Luna (928 Falcon Drive)*

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