

City Attorney



Atchison Barisone & Condotti

This year marks the 53rd consecutive year that the law office of Atchison, Barisone, and Condotti has provided contractual legal services to the City of Santa Cruz as the City's Attorney.

Having been in business for more than 50 years, the firm is one of the oldest continuously operating law firms in Santa Cruz County, and this factor contributes to their credibility among other local, legal professionals and public agency sectors, as well as the law enforcement community. Most of the attorneys in this firm have historically resided in the City, raised families here, and maintained active levels of participation with local non-profits and service clubs, proving their full investment in the community, both professionally and personally.

The firm's current nine attorney's provide general legal services at a total cost of \$660,342 for up to 260 hours per month (for a total of 3,120 hours annually). These services to the City's eleven departments include drafting and review, personnel work, public utilities work, election law, labor law, construction law, real estate transactional work, the review of drafting of legislation, ordinances and resolutions, and land use and environmental law. The City Attorney likewise advises the City Council pursuant to the general legal services provision of the contract. Additional special services may be requested at preset contractual rates depending upon the level of service requested. And, if in any particular month the amount of legal hours provided exceeds the 260 monthly allowance, each additional hour will be billed at a blended rate of \$250 per hour. Other budget amounts included in this departmental budget include other professional legal services that may be required to be provided outside of the firm, as well as contractual expense reimbursements and retirement contributions.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

	Fiscal Year* 2016 Actuals	Fiscal Year 2017			Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted
		Adopted Budget	Amended* Budget	Estimated Actual	
EXPENDITURES BY CHARACTER:					
Personnel Services	10,951	48,683	48,683	48,683	48,683
Services, Supplies, and Other Charges	788,502	945,843	987,552	860,643	1,005,500
Total Expenditures	<u>799,453</u>	<u>994,526</u>	<u>1,036,235</u>	<u>909,326</u>	<u>1,054,183</u>
EXPENDITURES BY ACTIVITY:					
City Attorney	1220 <u>799,453</u>	<u>994,526</u>	<u>1,036,235</u>	<u>909,326</u>	<u>1,054,183</u>
Subtotal General Fund	<u>799,453</u>	<u>994,526</u>	<u>1,036,235</u>	<u>909,326</u>	<u>1,054,183</u>
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RESOURCES BY FUND					
General Fund	101 <u>105,012</u>	<u>98,853</u>	<u>102,353</u>	<u>102,353</u>	<u>107,471</u>
Total Resources	<u>105,012</u>	<u>98,853</u>	<u>102,353</u>	<u>102,353</u>	<u>107,471</u>
Net General Fund Cost	<u>(694,441)</u>	<u>(895,673)</u>	<u>(933,882)</u>	<u>(806,973)</u>	<u>(946,712)</u>

*Sums may have discrepancies due to rounding

Activity Number: 1220
 Fund(s): General Fund (101)
 Department: 11

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Activity Description:

The City Attorney serves as legal advisor to the City Council, City Manager, and other City officials; prepares ordinances, resolutions, agreements, and other legal documents; and represents the City in court or coordinates with special legal counsel retained by the City when necessary.

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