



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Staff Report
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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: City Attorney's Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

Location and Council District: City-Wide

Recommendation: Receive and file the annual report and provide direction to the City Attorney

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Department: City Attorney's Office

Division: N/A

Organization No: 09300

Description/Analysis

Issue: The attached report, which covers fiscal year 2008-2009 and fiscal year 2009-2010, is the fourteenth annual report produced by the City Attorney's Office. It sets forth a number of facts and figures regarding performance by staff of the office during these fiscal years, compares that performance to performance in prior years, and reflects the office's efforts to provide quality legal services while responding to the ever-increasing need for them.

Policy Considerations: This report is consistent with the City's policy of measuring performance and requiring accountability of all City departments.

Environmental Considerations: The report is not a "project" subject to CEQA because it can have no conceivable effect upon the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061(b)(3).)

Commission/Committee Action: N/A

Rationale for Recommendation: This report provides information and recommends the council provide direction if necessary.

Financial Considerations: This report does not currently have a financial impact on the City's budget.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): There is no discretionary expenditure involved in this report; consequently, ESBD policies and procedures are not applicable.

Respectfully submitted by: 
for Eileen M. Teichert, City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento City Attorney's Office is a municipal-law office providing a wide variety of services to its client, the City of Sacramento. This annual report reflects the work performed by the City Attorney's Office during the fiscal years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Eileen Teichert was appointed by the City Council and took office in January 2006. Her vision for the City Attorney's Office is reflected in our office organization, which provides specialized roles for attorneys and encourages the attorneys to cultivate enduring attorney-client relationships with specific departments. In this way we have enhanced responsiveness, improved client confidence, and closely aligned the City's goals with the goals of the City Attorney's Office.

The annual report analyzes in detail how our three operating sections performed during the past two years, setting forth significant accomplishments, statistical information regarding workload, and comparisons with past performance.

- The Transactional/Advisory Section regularly provides advice to City departments and specializes in land-use related work, along with ordinance drafting, negotiating and drafting contracts, and municipal-finance projects.
- The Neighborhood Safety and Nuisance Abatement Section (NSNA) continues to handle administrative enforcement, civil litigation, and social-nuisance cases.
- The Litigation Section, a vital part of the City Attorney's Office, handled and successfully resolved a large volume of cases this past reporting period.

The report also discusses administrative activities.

The City Attorney's Office touches on all aspects of City business. We play a significant role in the City's efforts to promote safety, livability, and economic vitality; and to enhance the value of our co-workers and customers.