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Finance & Personnel Committee
200 East Wells Street
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Re: Impact of Police Litigation on 2016 and 2017 (Jan. 1 to Sept. 30) Budgets

To the Honorable Members of the Finance & Personnel Committee:

This communication is in response to your request for the impact of police litigation on the City Attorney's Office 2016 and 2017 (year-to-date) Budgets. The 2016 Budget allocation was \$7,947,579. \$921,667 (or 12%) of the 2016 allocation was expended for police litigation. The 2017 Budget allocation is \$7,617,505 (from January 1 to September 30), \$834,876 (or 11%) has been expended for police litigation. Please see the attached table for a detailed listing of the figures presented in this correspondence.

Salary expenditures during 2016 totaled \$4,813,771 (this figure does not include fringe benefits). \$538,335 (or 11%) of the 2016 salary allocation supported 7.5 fulltime equivalents (FTEs) whose work assignments involved police litigation. The 2017 salary allocation is \$4,777,699 (this figure does not include fringe benefits), \$3,527,967 has been expended as of September 30; of the amount expended \$481,962 (or 17%) of the allocation has supported 8.2 FTEs whose work assignments involve police litigation.

The fringe benefit percentage rate is released by the City Comptroller annually. When fringe benefits are calculated for 2016, salary plus a fringe benefits rate of 54.35% total increases to \$830, 920; for 2017, January 1 to September, the salary plus a fringe benefits rate of 53.63% totals \$740,438.

Operating expenditures in 2016 totaled \$617,447; of this amount \$90,747 (or 15%) can be directly linked to ongoing police litigation. \$22,555 (or 33%) of the \$90,747 is related to temporary paralegal services for police litigation. The remaining \$68,192 is related to attorney travel for police litigation, court reporting, transcription and legal document production services.

Operating expenditures during 2017 have totaled \$334,397, through September 20, 2017; of this amount \$94,439 (or 28%) can be directly linked to ongoing police litigation. \$30,217 (or 32%) of the \$94,438 is related to temporary paralegal services for police litigation. The remaining \$64,221 is related to attorney travel for police litigation, court reporting, transcription and legal document production services.

Damages and Claims and Outside Counsel/Expert Witness special purpose accounts (SPAs) are also included in this communication as expenditures from these accounts can impact the City budget. \$7,360,152 was expended from the Damages and Claims SPA in 2016. \$5,412,100 (or 74%) was expended for police claims, uninsured motorist and lawsuit settlements. As of September 30, 2017, \$7,395,796 has been expended from Damages and Claims. \$6,122,134 (or 83%) has been expended for police claims, uninsured motorist and lawsuit settlements.

\$331,981 was expended from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness SPA in 2016. \$142,089 (or 43%) was expended for police litigation. As of September 30, 2017, \$334,332 has been expended from Outside Counsel/Expert Witness SPA. \$275,384 (or 82%) has been expended for police litigation.

Please contact Amy E. Hefter, Special Assistant to the City Attorney (ext. 8822) if you have any further questions or need further information.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Dennis Yaccarino, Budget & Management Director
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Impact of Police Litigation on City Attorney's Office Budget, 2016 and 2017 (Jan. to Sept. 30).

Position	2016		2017 (01/01-09/30)	
	Compensation	FTEs	Compensation	FTEs
Assistant City Attorney V	\$136,394.96	1.0 FTE	\$102,296.22	1.0 FTE
Assistant City Attorney V	\$122,755.46	0.9 FTE	\$92,066.60	0.9 FTE
Assistant City Attorney IV	\$42,959.41	0.5 FTE	\$32,219.56	0.5 FTE
Assistant City Attorney III	\$39,248.69	0.5 FTE	\$29,436.52	0.5 FTE
Assistant City Attorney II	\$36,579.92	0.5 FTE	\$49,382.89	0.9 FTE
Assistant City Attorney I	\$19,050.01	0.3 FTE	\$28,575.03	0.6 FTE
Assistant City Attorney I	*\$2,433.32	0.8 FTE	\$43,799.96	0.8 FTE
Paralegal	\$48,036.82	1.0 FTE	\$36,027.61	1.0 FTE
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Legal Office Assistant-Senior	\$42,839.68	1.0 FTE	\$32,129.78	1.0 FTE
Total Compensation	\$538,335.09	7.5 FTE	\$481,961.78	8.2 FTE
Fringe Rate	\$292,585	54.35%	\$258,476	53.63%
Total Salary & Benefits	\$830,920	7.5 FTE	\$740,438	8.2 FTE
Total Operating	\$90,747		\$94,438	
Total Department	\$921,667	7.5 FTE	\$834,876	8.2 FTE
Damages and Claims SPA	\$5,412,100		\$6,122,134	
Outside Counsel / Expert Witness SPA	\$142,088		\$275,384	

*New Hire calculated for the last pay period of 2016.