



#### **Annual Update**

Office of the City Attorney Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Neighborhood Livability Program Update

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# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

The Public Safety Division of the City Attorney's Office – in partnership with Police, Fire, Code Enforcement and the community works to combat actions that impact the quality of life in Riverside's neighborhoods and support our City public safety partners.











# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

- Received 344 neighborhood problems to tackle. 72% of the assignments were fully solved and closed out.
- Attended 50 community meetings.

Participated in Ward Action Team initiatives.



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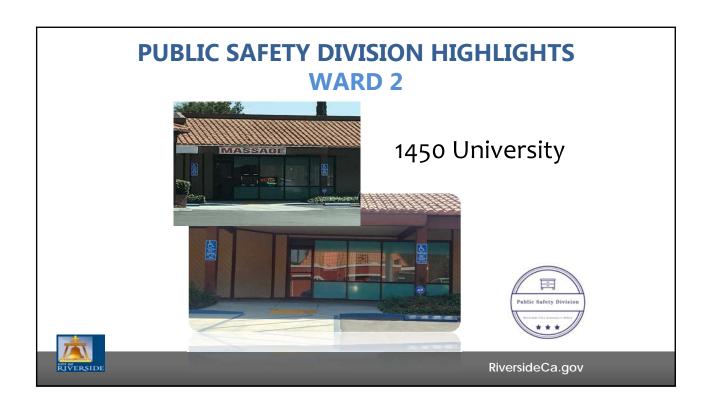
- Shut down
  - 12 marijuana dispensaries;
  - 8 substandard properties through courtordered receiverships or alternative means;
  - 2 unpermitted nightclubs; and
  - 7 illicit massage parlors.













# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS WARD 4







7825 Railroad





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#### **PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

#### WARD 5





















### PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND

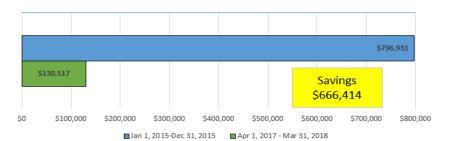
The Division collected \$479,158.92
from actions involving rehabilitation
agreements, receiverships, and
marijuana dispensary enforcement.





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# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND



The Division takes great pride in defending lawsuits filed against the City and individual RPD officers alleging civil rights violations. In addition, attorneys are consulted and train on the state of the law to reduce the risk of litigation, while ensuring that the men and women of the RPD are well-equipped to protect themselves and the City's neighborhoods.





# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND

 Combined General Fund Contribution for fiscal year 2017-18:

- Collections: \$479,158

- Outside Counsel Savings: \$666,414

- Total: \$1,145,572





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# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND

- No new police civil rights cases sent to outside counsel in past 2 fiscal years.
- Time-intensive litigation and high exposure largely due to injuries and provision for recovery of plaintiffs' attorneys fees.



# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND

Depositions in Calhoun v. City







### PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS ADVISORY WORK

- Legal advice and training to RPD.
- "Around the clock" availability for real time" advice.
- Advisory work for RFD operations, prevention, USAI, USAR, and OEM.





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# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS OUR TEAM

- Gary Geuss
- Neil Okazaki
- Rebecca McKee
- Aaron Chandler
- Tom Chisum









#### **PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**









