



Supplemental Appropriation for the Creation of an Additional Deputy City Attorney I Neighborhood Livability Program Attorney.



Office of the City Attorney

City Council
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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION BACKGROUND



1. 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.



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2. In order to advance the mission of addressing community livability matters, the City Council voted 7-0 on October 9, 2018 to direct the City Attorney to create an additional deputy city attorney position for community livability work.
3. The City Council also requested that the City Attorney return to the Council for a supplemental appropriation to fund this requested position.



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4. The issue of funding this position was presented to the Budget Engagement Commission on November 29, 2018. The BEC voted not to utilize Measure Z funding for this additional position. Although other funding options were presented, the BEC did not hold a vote to recommend another funding option.



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Goals and Initiatives:

1. Solving problems quicker and more proactively.
2. Working with authority of DA's Office to prosecute criminal cases involving livability.
3. Greater involvement with RPD neighborhood policing teams.
4. Innovating and creating new solution to problems.
5. Leading a cannabis enforcement team.
6. Pursuing gun violence restraining orders.
7. Coordinating street racing eradication efforts.



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Goals and Initiatives (Con't):

8. Developing Downtown Riverside safety and restorative justice initiatives.
9. Maintaining a high level of responsiveness to RPD as it grows.
10. Preparing for and limiting expected increases in litigation given RPD personnel growth.
11. Participating in Homeless Court cases.
12. Addressing problems at certain independent
13. living facilities.
14. Educating students on anti-graffiti enforcement
15. to deter illegal conduct.



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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS



That the City Council:

1. Consider the funding options provided by the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer for the creation of an additional full time Deputy City Attorney I Neighborhood Livability Program position;
2. Amend the Personnel Detail for the City Attorney's Office to add 1.0 FTE for a Deputy City Attorney I position; and
3. Authorize a FY 2018/19 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$33,807 into the relevant salary expenditure accounts of the City Attorney's Office (130000x-41xxx), in the Fund corresponding to Council's selected funding option, to fund the salary and benefits for the additional full-time Deputy City Attorney I position.



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