



Public Budget Hearing

BUDGET YEARS 2025-26 AND 2026-27

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Who We Are & What We Do

- 300+ lawyers, paralegals, investigators, and other legal professionals.
- We work on civil matters, not criminal matters.
- Our mission is to provide the highest-quality legal services to the City & County of San Francisco (not individual members of the public).
 - 100+ City departments, boards, and commissions.
 - Elected officials, including the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.
- As an elected official, the City Attorney is independent and accountable to the public.

Who We Are & What We Do

- Advice and Transactional Work
- Defensive Litigation
- Affirmative Litigation
- Code Enforcement
- Public Integrity and Other Investigations

Budget Priorities

Public Safety

Advise public safety departments and work with the City's **Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMAACC)** on legal options to address open air drug markets.

Abate public nuisances through **code enforcement** actions.

Respond to **major incidents** involving City property, employees, and vehicles, perform **thorough incident investigations** to resolve claims, and provide appropriate information and resources to the public.

Engage with law enforcement and first responders on **emergency preparedness** initiatives and planning.

Advise departments on options to ensure **safe and clean public streets**, including street vending enforcement.

Homelessness & Housing

Advise on and defend the City's homelessness encampment practices, ensuring people experiencing homelessness are connected to **services and shelter**.

Work with departments to negotiate agreements to finance and develop **new shelters and housing** for people experiencing homelessness.

Represent the City in **dependency and mental health matters**, getting people the treatment and services they need.

Advise on **development projects** and compliance with new State **housing development streamlining** laws.

Draft local housing development conversion and streamlining legislation, including **tax and fee abatement** and **land use flexibility**, such as the Adaptive Reuse Program.

Enforce state and local habitability codes to ensure tenants live in safe and healthy conditions.

Economic Development & Downtown Revitalization

Review and approve hundreds of grants and contracts for OEWD and other departments to **foster economic development activities.**

Advise on City **tax and fee relief programs** for businesses and changes for **small businesses** to more easily navigate the City's permit requirements.

Advise on **City-hosted large scale events and conferences**, like 2023 APEC and the 2025 NBA All-Star Weekend.

Work with departments to activate unused spaces, encourage live events, and spark business recovery, to create a more **vibrant downtown environment.**

Advise the SFMTA on improved **transportation services** and funding options.

Defending the City's Resources

Our defensive litigation efforts save the City billions in liability, including protecting vital tax revenues.

Our public integrity works ensures taxpayers dollars are spent appropriately and efficiently.

We will be defending federal funding against unlawful actions by the Trump Administration and advise client departments on compliance with new federal laws and regulations.

Unlike many departments, we do not control the inflow of our work.

- Claims and cases are filed against the City, while clients need advice and approval for contracts as to form. That work cannot be avoided.
- We are a high-quality, cost-effective way to meet the City's legal needs, particularly when compared to the cost of outside counsel.

Generating Revenue

We support department work that brings in revenue, and we also bring in millions of dollars in revenue ourselves through affirmative litigation and collections.

- Work on tax matters, contracts, real estate deals, and bonds ensures the City can collect and generate revenue.
- Our Complex & Affirmative Litigation Team has recovered tens of millions of dollars for the City. Their settlements in the opioid cases recovered more than \$350 million for the City to abate the opioid crisis.
- Our Code Enforcement Team has brought in nearly \$10 million in penalties and attorneys' fees since 2021, reimbursing departments for their attorney's fees and often more.
- Our Worker Protection Team has restored \$14 million of stolen wages and benefits to the pockets of City residents since late 2022.
- Our Claims Team pursues collections for damage to City property on behalf of City Departments. In FY 2023-2024, the Team secured nearly \$1.7 million through approximately 400 collections for damage to City vehicles and infrastructure. The Team is on pace for a 20% increase in collections in FY 2024-2025.

Budget Layout

Sources of Funding

	BY 24-25 Original Budget	BY 25-26 Base Budget	BY 25-26 Dept. Changes	BY 25-26 Dept. Proposed Budget	BY 26-27 Base Budget	BY 26-27 Dept. Changes	BY 26-27 Dept. Proposed Budget
Expenditure Recoveries- City Depts.	\$76,110,691	\$76,385,067	\$969,518	\$77,354,585	\$76,385,067	\$1,010,320	\$77,395,387
Misc. Recoveries	\$400,000	\$400,000	-	\$400,000	\$400,000	-	\$400,000
General Fund Support	\$35,212,269	\$37,185,694	-	\$37,185,694	\$41,769,532	-	\$41,769,532
Fines Forfeitures & Penalties - CPU	\$5,993,063	\$5,901,178	\$(3,010)	\$5,898,168	\$5,525,455	\$235,895	\$5,761,350
Total	\$117,716,023	\$119,871,939	\$966,508	\$120,838,447	\$124,080,054	\$1,246,215	\$125,326,269

Operating Expenditures

	BY 24-25 Original Budget	BY 25-26 Base Budget	BY 25-26 Dept. Changes	BY 25-26 Dept. Proposed Budget	BY 26-27 Base Budget	BY 26-27 Dept. Changes	BY 26-27 Dept. Proposed Budget
Salaries	\$70,441,772	\$72,137,943	\$731,085	\$72,869,028	\$75,062,314	\$945,132	\$76,007,446
Mandatory Fringe Benefits	\$24,456,545	\$24,863,129	\$235,423	\$25,098,552	\$26,093,650	\$301,083	\$26,394,733
Non Personnel Services	\$18,719,263	\$18,684,845	-	\$18,684,845	\$18,738,068	-	\$18,738,068
Materials and Supplies	\$139,500	\$139,500	-	\$139,500	\$139,500	-	\$139,500
Services of other Depts.	\$3,958,943	\$4,046,522	-	\$4,046,522	\$4,046,522	-	\$4,046,522
Total	\$117,716,023	\$119,871,939	\$966,508	\$120,838,447	\$124,080,054	\$1,246,215	\$125,326,269

Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to make comments on the proposed budget in the chat section at the hearing. The City Attorney's Office also welcomes written comment before, during and after the hearing by email at: budget@sfcityatty.org.