

City of Sacramento
Measure U Community Advisory Commission Report
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Overview of Measure U Funded Departments and Programs: Office of the City Attorney

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and comment.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: As part of its 2026 Workplan, the Measure U Community Advisory Commission requested presentations from departments that are responsible for implementing Measure U funded programs. During this item, the City Attorney's Office will provide an overview of its Measure U funded programs and services.

Policy Considerations: City Council Ordinance 2024-0039, adopted September 24, 2024, outlines the purpose and the powers and duties of the Measure U Community Advisory Commission; specifically, to ensure that the expenditures of City resources reflect Council and community priorities, the commission shall review, report, and make non-binding recommendations on revenue and expenditures of certain funds from the Transactions and Use Tax imposed under Sacramento City Code chapter 3.27 (Sacramento City Code chapter 2.114).

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report concerns

administrative activities and governmental fiscal activities that do not constitute a “project” as defined by the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) and are not subject to the provisions of CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3)).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: In adopting its 2026 Workplan, the Measure U Community Advisory Commission invited City departments to provide an overview of their Measure U funded programs.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

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City Attorney's Office
FY2025/26 Measure U
August 17, 2026

CAO Department Mission & Services

Department Mission

The Sacramento City Attorney's Office strives to provide the highest quality legal services to the City of Sacramento.

Services

The City Attorney shall serve as legal counsel to the city government and all officers, departments, boards, commissions and agencies thereof and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by state law and by ordinance or resolution of the City Council. In situations where the City Attorney determines there is a conflict in representation by that office, the City Council may authorize the retention of other legal counsel to represent one of the conflicting parties.

CAO Police Advisory & Transactions Team (PATT)

Team Composition & Funding

- PATT consists of two Senior Deputy City Attorneys and one paralegal;
- Measure U funding supports one Senior Deputy City Attorney position and the paralegal, ensuring dedicated legal capacity for public safety operations;

Scope and Volume of Work (2025)

- Completed 1,501 legal assignments in direct support of the SPD
- Work spans a broad spectrum of legal services, including:
 - California Public Records Act (PRA) review and compliance;
 - Drafting and negotiation of complex interagency agreements and contracts;
 - Legal support across multiple SPD divisions, including:
 - Government Affairs Unit (GAU);
 - Professional Standards Unit (PSU)
 - Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)

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Role of SPD Counsel (PATT)

- Serves as **embedded legal counsel** providing proactive, real-time advice to command staff and operational units;
- Ensures **constitutional compliance** (e.g., Fourth and Fifth Amendment), statutory adherence, and alignment with City policy;
- Advises on **high-risk and sensitive matters**, including:
 - Public records disclosures and confidentiality issues
 - Use-of-force, search and seizure, and liability exposure
 - Development and implementation of policies, protocols, and training guidance
- Coordinates closely with the City Attorney's Office to ensure **consistent legal strategy, risk mitigation, and defensibility**

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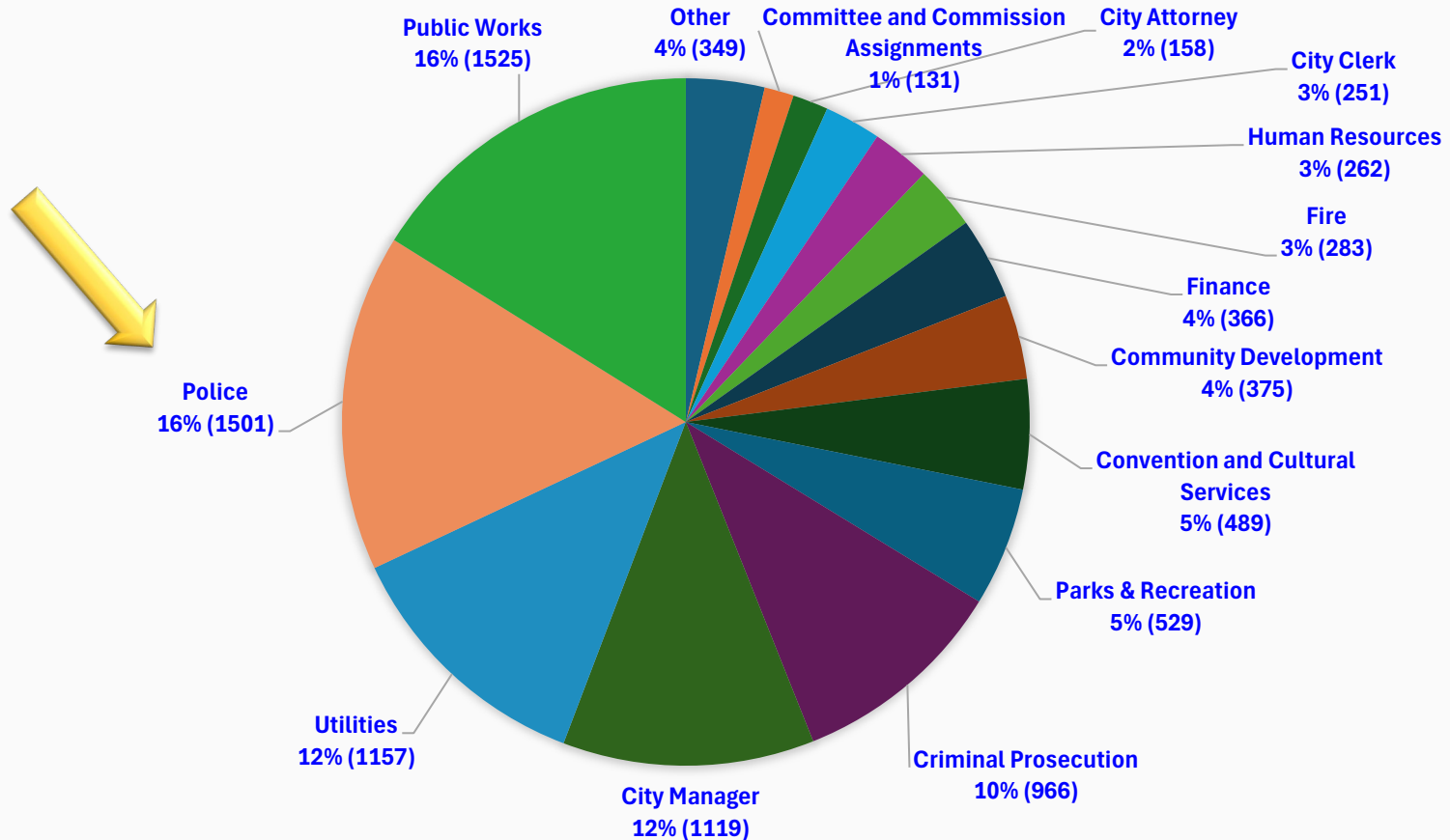
Community Engagement:

-In addition to legal advisory work, PATT members may engage residents at community and professional outreach events such as:

- Community roundtables and stakeholder meetings to address **public safety concerns** and build trust;
- Legal support for gun buyback programs and initiatives designed to safely remove firearms from the community;
- Advising on and supporting **violence prevention** programs, including: (1) Grant-funded initiatives targeting youth violence and at-risk populations; (2) Programs led by the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) to reduce cycles of violence;
- Supports “**Know Your Rights**” presentations;
- Advising on programs to reduce gun violence, including lawful tools and partnerships to **remove illegal firearms** from circulation;
- Represents the City at diversity, outreach, and recruitment events, **strengthening community relationships**.

2025 CAO Legal Assignments by Department

Total: 946 l



CAO PATT Priorities & Goals

Modernize Through Artificial Intelligence: Implement secure AI tools to streamline legal research, contract review, litigation analytics, and workflow automation—improving turnaround times and operational efficiency;

Increase Accountability & Performance Metrics: Track measurable outcomes and improve upon response time to assignments from the Sacramento Police Department;

Advance Public Safety: continue to work closely with the Sacramento Police Department on projects, grant programs and other strategies to enhance and promote Public Safety within the City of Sacramento;

Questions & Comments

