

The mission of the San José City Attorney's Office is to provide excellent legal services, consistent with the highest professional and ethical standards, with the goal of protecting and advancing the City's interests in serving the people of San José.

# CITY ATTORNEY

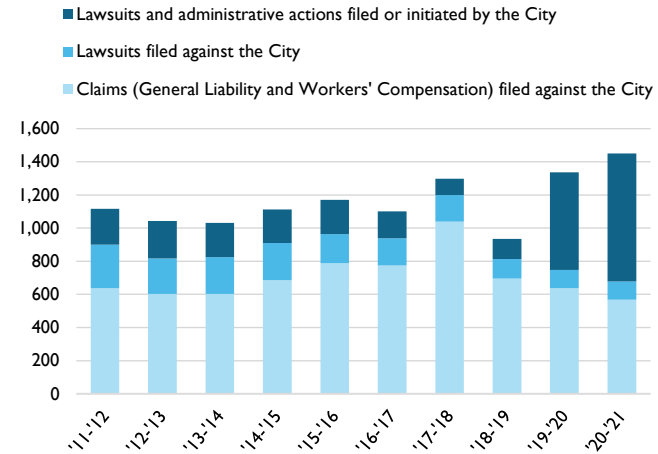
The City Attorney’s Office provides legal counsel and advice, prepares legal documents, and provides legal representation to advocate, defend, and prosecute on behalf of the City of San José and the Successor Agency to the San José Redevelopment Agency.

The 2020-21 operating expenditures for the City Attorney’s Office totaled \$21.5 million, which is comprised of personal and non-personal expenditures. In addition, the City Attorney’s Office was responsible for the management of around \$2 million in general liability claims, a Citywide expense.

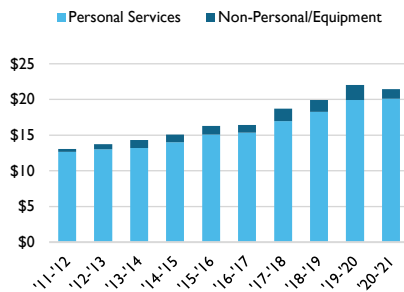
Authorized staffing positions totaled 85.5, slightly down from the prior year.

The City Attorney’s Office handled about 1,500 new claims and litigation matters in 2020-21 and prepared or reviewed around 5,700 legal transactions, documents, and memoranda. Lawsuits and administrative actions filed or initiated by the City further increased by 31 percent in 2020-21. The City Attorney’s Office attributes this increase to more criminal complaints due to sideshows, gun violence, and other criminal cases. The increase for the prior year was attributed to more criminal citations. In 2020-21, litigation-related collections totaled \$12.3 million, while general liability payments totaled about \$2 million, as noted above.

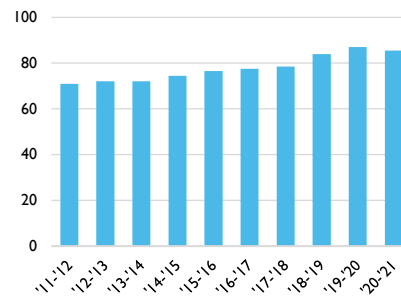
## Claims and Lawsuits



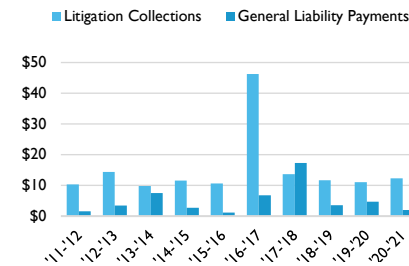
## City Attorney Operating Expenditures (\$millions)



## City Attorney Authorized Positions



## Litigation-Related Collections and General Liability Payments (\$millions)



Note: Litigation-related collections spiked in 2016-17 largely due to a Housing Authority settlement. Collection amounts were updated for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 years to account for corrections.