

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.

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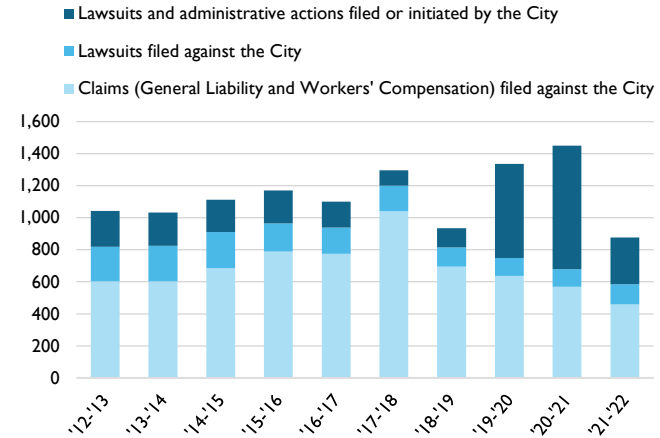
The City Attorney’s Office provides legal counsel and advice, prepares legal documents, and provides legal representation to advocate, defend, and prosecute on behalf of the City of San José and the Successor Agency to the San José Redevelopment Agency.

The 2021-22 operating expenditures for the City Attorney’s Office totaled \$22.4 million, which is comprised of personal and non-personal expenditures. In addition, the City Attorney’s Office was responsible for around \$8 million in general liability claims, a Citywide expense.

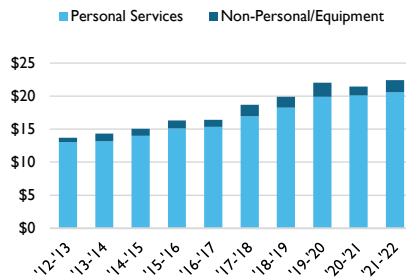
Authorized staffing positions totaled 83.5, slightly down from the prior year.

The City Attorney’s Office handled about 880 new claims and litigation matters in 2021-22 and prepared or reviewed around 4,700 legal transactions, documents, and memoranda. Lawsuits and administrative actions filed or initiated by the City decreased by 62 percent from the prior year. The City Attorney’s Office attributes the decrease to the pandemic, which may have delayed or reduced the 2020-21 filings as residents interfaced less with the City and engaged in fewer activities that could give rise to litigation. Also, the statute of limitations for filing claims and lawsuits were tolled for a time during the pandemic, reducing the urgency to file during much of the 2021-22 fiscal year. Litigation-related collections totaled \$12.4 million.

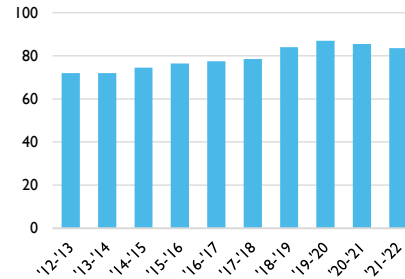
Claims and Lawsuits



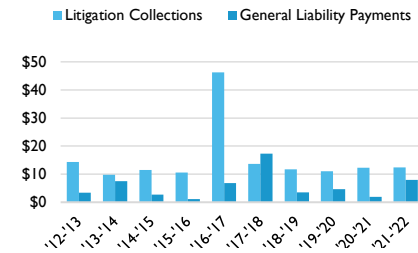
City Attorney Operating Expenditures (\$millions)



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.