

COUNTY COUNSEL



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Role of County Counsel

- The Office of the County Counsel is the legal advisor to the County.
- A County Counsel, once established, assumes the civil functions of the District Attorney (Gov. Code §27642). We have the duty to provide legal services to the County (§ 26520), to represent the County and its officers and employees in civil actions (§ 26521), and to be the legal adviser to the Board of Supervisors and attend Board meetings (§ 26526). County Counsel also represents the court or grand jury on request (§ 26524, 27647, Penal Code § 934) and may provide legal services to the schools and other local public entities (§ 26520, 27645). Other statutory functions include advice to the Assessor and Assessment Appeals Board (§31000.7), the Air Pollution Control District and Hearing Board (H&S Code § 40101, 40809).
- While the Office of the County Counsel is a public law office we do not provide legal advice to members of the public.

Staffing

County Counsel – David Livingston
Assistant County Counsel – Janeth San Pedro

Our Structure

17 Full Time Employees: 12 Attorneys and 5 Support Staff

HHSA

Paula Frantz

Abby Roseman

Lauren Bowers

Beth McCourt

Land Use/DOT

Kay Ann Markham

Breann Moebius

David Livingston

HR/Law Enforcement

Steve Mansell

Roger Runkle

General Government

Janeth San Pedro

Sharon Carey-Stronck

Fiscal Analysis

	18/19	19/20 (budgeted)	19/20 (projected)
Total Appropriations	\$3,333,274	\$3,518,237	\$3,049,841
Total Revenue	\$462,874	\$463,475	\$463,933
FTE's	17	17	17
Net County Cost	\$2,829,694	\$3,054,762	\$2,612,908
% Net County Cost	85%	87%	86%

Upcoming Challenges

- Cannabis Program Implementation
- Housing & Safety Element Update
- Homelessness Issues
- Redistricting
- Public Records Act Changes (e.g., SB1421)
- MWELO
- MHSA Plan Update
- Organic Waste Requirements
- AB5 (Independent Contractor Law)
- Capital Projects
- Youth & Family Commission (New)
- Community Design Standards