

## **Mission Statement**

Office of the City Attorney – Budget Request 2010-11

The Office of the City Attorney is committed to performing its three core responsibilities at the highest level of excellence and accountability:

- To protect the quality of life and ensure public safety throughout the City, by active participation in community crime prevention partnerships, daily enforcement of the City's laws, and the essential prosecution of criminal misdemeanors.
- To vigorously and effectively defend the City in civil litigation, and represent the City and its boards, departments, employees and commissions in transactions and negotiations in order to safeguard the City treasury and minimize risk or liability to the City.
- To provide the highest quality legal advice and guidance to the City and its policymakers with speed, accuracy and consistency, so that decision-making can be achieved in a timely and lawful manner.