

City Government 101

Mayor's Office – Kyla Blair, Director of External Affairs

City Council – Dan Eder, Deputy Director, City Council Central Staff

City Budget Office – Jeanette Blankenship, Deputy Director

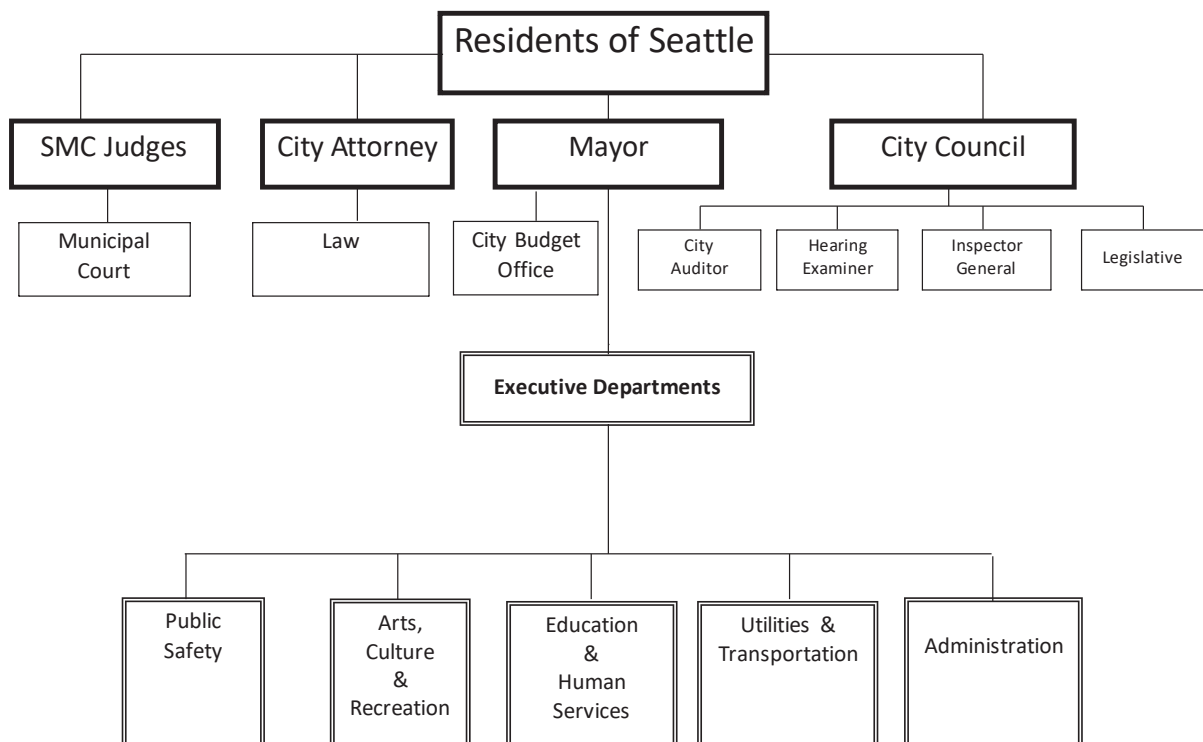
City Attorney's Office – Michelle Chen, Deputy City Attorney



City Government 101

- Objective of City Government 101: Understand different branches of City government, their roles, relationships, and how they interact with one another.





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Role of Mayor's Office in City Government

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Mayor's Office

- Chief Executive Officer of the City of Seattle
- Oversees and directs City departments
- Appoints officers, board members, commissioners
- Proposes annual budget and pieces of legislation
- Ceremonial recognitions
- Is responsive to the residents of Seattle



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Role of City Council

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City Council

- Establishes City Policies
- Provides a Public Forum
- Adopts the City's Budget



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Role of City Budget Office

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Citywide Budget Development & Oversight

- Provide fiscal oversight
- Manage budget development and changes
- Manage revenue forecast
- Provide guidance on performance management



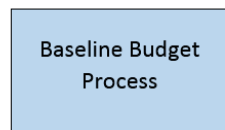
Budget through the Branches of Govt.

- City budget proposed by the Mayor (Executive),
- Checked for compliance with the law (City Attorney), and
- Amended and passed by the City Council (Legislative)
- Returned to Mayor for approval and signature.



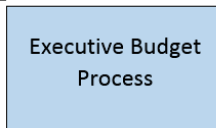
City Budget Annual Process

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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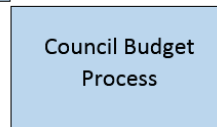
Current Services

- Revenue Forecast
- Wage increases
- Inflation
- One-time items



Proposed Budget

- CBO Guidance
- Dept Proposals
- Mayor's Priorities
- Revenue Forecast
- Balancing



Adopted Budget

- Council Review
- Issue Identification
- Public Participation
- Revenue Update
- Budget Legislation

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Role of City Attorney's Office

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Overview of Role and Mission

- Only Elected City Attorney in Washington state
- Advances public safety by serving as the misdemeanor prosecutor
- Advances Mayor and City Council agenda by providing legal advice for policy and operations
- Defends City against lawsuits



Organizational Profile

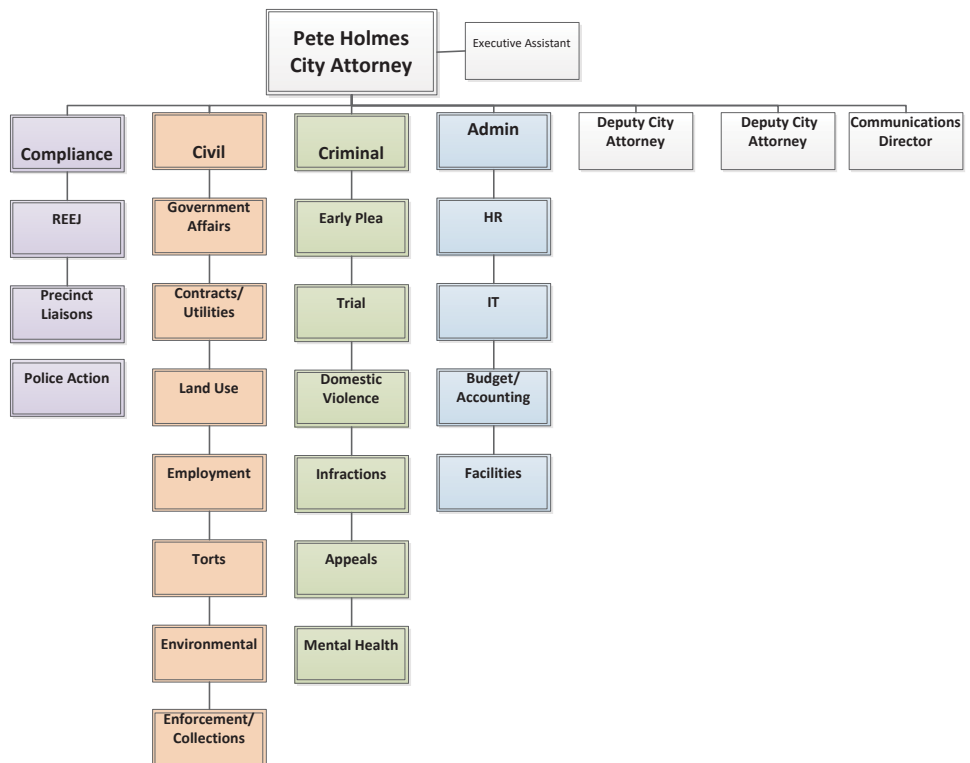
~\$30 million budget

~200 employees

- 79 Assistant City Attorneys
- 30 Prosecutors
- 90 support staff

Four Divisions

- City Departments
- Victims and Public



Examples of City Attorney's Work

Criminal Division

- Receive about 14,000 reports from SPD (decline about 42%)
- DV/ DUI
- Theft, trespass, contested traffic tickets

Civil Division

- SPD/ Consent Decree
- Mandatory Housing Affordability proposal
- Waterfront redevelopment

