

# BUDGET PRESENTATION

Corporation Counsel

April 12, 2018



# What we Do

- ❖ Overview: We handle all legal transactional, legislative, and litigation matters for the City.
- ❖ Areas of Practice: We handle all areas of law including, contracts, real estate, civil litigation, real property tax assessments, tax foreclosures, labor and employment relations, environmental laws, open meetings and legislative procedures, zoning and land use, planning and economic development, bankruptcy and mortgage foreclosures, code enforcement and housing, and legislation of local laws.
- ❖ Courts in Which We Practice:
  - ❖ All New York State Courts:
    - ❖ Auburn City Court, County Court, Supreme Courts, Appellate Division Courts, Court of Appeals;
  - ❖ Federal United States Courts:
    - ❖ United States District Courts and United States Bankruptcy Courts.

# Our Clients

- ▶ We serve:
  - City Council & the Mayor
  - City Manager;
  - All City Departments;
  - All Boards and Commissioners

# Operating Budgets

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Percent Change
Corporation Counsel	\$367,045	\$372,833	\$364,256	-20.32%
Operating Budget (less consulting Fees)	\$12,229	\$12,065	\$13,080	8.4%
FTE	3	3.5	3	-14.29

# Changes in Services or Other Significant Changes

- ▶ Change in Attorney Employees
  - Attorney John Rossi to become a consultant for the City;
  - Full-Time Staff Attorneys to reduce to 2 FTE
- ▶ Goal of Keeping Legal Services In-House
  - Assistant Corporation Counsel → Tax Assessment Matters

# Items not Included in Budget

- ▶ Assistant Corporation Counsel salary is partially paid with LISC Grant, which provides \$30,000 per year for two years.