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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

LAND USE DIVISION

MUNICIPAL LAW BRANCH

SALARY RANGE: \$87,821 - \$206,524

POSITION:

Deputy City Attorney with experience in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the Land Use Division of the Municipal Law Branch.

SECTION:

The Land Use Division is responsible for advising and defending the City on all matters in the planning, zoning and building and safety areas of the law. Attorneys in the Division advise the Departments of City Planning and Building and Safety, and decisionmakers on land use and building and safety matters, including the City Council, the City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commissions, the Board of Building and Safety and the Cultural Heritage Commission. Attorneys in the Division are responsible for defending the City against litigation, in both federal and state courts, challenging the City's land use and building permit decisions and actions, including involving writs of mandate, civil rights, constitutional challenges, and CEQA. Attorneys also draft ordinances involving amendments to the Zoning and Planning Code, general and specific plans, moratoriums and building and safety regulations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The attorney assigned to this position will primarily advise City staff, officials, and consultants on CEQA compliance and provide guidance on the preparation of defensible CEQA documents and findings for land use plans, zoning and other ordinances, building and safety approvals, and development projects, as well as participate in or handle litigation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position must have a license to practice law in all of the courts in the State of California and the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Additional requirements include:

- Minimum of three years of experience advising and/or litigating CEQA matters.
- Ability to deal effectively with public officials, department personnel and members of the public, and outside counsel.
- Demonstrated strong research and writing skills in complex areas of law.
- Ability to work efficiently and make decisions practically and independently.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

The following qualifications are highly desirable:

- Experience reviewing and advising on EIRs, Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs), and statutory and categorical exemptions.
- Knowledge and familiarity with State Planning and Zoning Law and the Subdivision Map Act.
- Experience with administrative record issues and e-discovery.
- Knowledge and experience in local government law practice.

WRITING SAMPLE:

Candidates are required to submit two writing samples.

PROBATION:

Appointment to this exempt position (non Civil-Service) will be subject to a two (2) year probationary period as required by Section 1050 of the City Charter. Successful completion of the two (2) year probationary period will result in tenure with the office.

**COVID-19
VACCINE MANDATE:**

In accordance with Los Angeles City Ordinance 187134, candidates must meet the minimum requirement of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or receive an exemption and report their vaccination status prior to being hired by the hiring City department. The ordinance is available at https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0921_ord_187134_8-24-21.pdf.

**APPLICATION
AND DEADLINE:**

Attorneys interested in applying should submit one (1) PDF file that includes their resume, cover letter and writing samples specifying "**DCA – LAND USE DIVISION**" in the subject line to atty.recruit@lacity.org.

The application process will remain open until filled. Selected applicants will be invited to interview.

**CONFLICT
OF INTEREST:**

This position is designated Category 3 of the Angeles City Attorney's Office Conflict of Interest Code.

AS A COVERED ENTITY UNDER TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY AND, UPON REQUEST, WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO ITS PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. TO REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE CALL [\(213\) 978-7160](tel:2139787160)