

COUNCIL MEETING  
November 10, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members of the  
Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, CA

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant City Attorney**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Council appoint Patrick Sullivan to the position of Assistant City Attorney.

Funding

Funding exists within the current departmental budget.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The City Charter provides that the City Council, on the recommendation of the City Attorney, may appoint Assistant and Deputy City Attorneys in order to carry out the duties of the Office of the City Attorney.

A vacancy currently exists in the City Attorney's office due to the retirement of Assistant City Attorney Ronald T. Pohl, after 19 ½ years of service with the City. With Mr. Pohl's retirement, the City Attorney recommends that Your Honorable Body appoint Deputy City Attorney III Patrick Sullivan to fill the vacancy in the office of Assistant City Attorney.

Mr. Sullivan first worked in the City Attorney's office during the summer of 1994, when he served as a volunteer summer law clerk. The following year, he graduated from law school at the University of San Diego, took the California Bar Exam and was admitted to the bar in December 1995.

The City hired Mr. Sullivan in March 1996. During his first year with the office he performed both office management and general attorney duties. Your Honorable Body appointed him to the position of Deputy City Attorney I in May 1997, and

subsequently appointed him Deputy City Attorney II in May 1999 and Deputy City Attorney III in July 2009.

During his tenure with the office, Patrick has developed extensive experience as a municipal lawyer. He has served as a prosecutor in the criminal court, represented the city in civil litigation matters, and served as counsel to the Planning Commission, License Review Board, Municipal Area Express Telecommunications Committee and SMART Team. He has provided legal advice and representation to most city departments on a wide range of issues. Therefore, the City Attorney enthusiastically recommends that Your Honorable Body appoint Patrick Sullivan to the position of Assistant City Attorney.

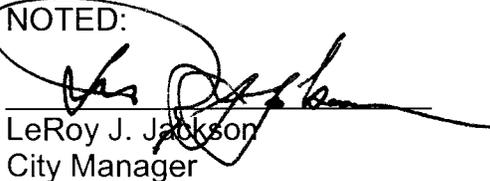
Funding for this position is available in the department's budget.

Respectfully submitted,



John L. Fellows III  
City Attorney

NOTED:



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager