

COUNCIL MEETING  
November 17, 2009

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy City Attorney III**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council appoint Tatia Strader to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

**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.

Ms. Strader received her B.A. degree from the University of California, Irvine and her law degree from Southwestern School of Law. She was admitted to the bar on December 7, 1998. Ms. Strader began her legal career in private practice before being hired by the City in May 2001, when Your Honorable Body

appointed her to under-fill a vacant Deputy City Attorney II position. On December 11, 2001, following her completion of three years of legal practice, Your Honorable Body appointed Ms. Strader to the position of Deputy City Attorney II.

During her tenure with the City, Ms. Strader has developed her practice as the City's principal labor and employment lawyer and currently maintains a civil litigation caseload as well. She has also served in the office's criminal prosecution division, and has developed significant expertise in general municipal matters. Ms. Strader is presently counsel to the City's Ethics and Integrity Committee.

The City Attorney wholeheartedly recommends that Your Honorable Body appoint Tatia Strader to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

Respectfully submitted,



John L. Fellows III  
City Attorney

NOTED:



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager