

ELECTION HISTORY – CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Last updated 6/2021

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	DATE OF PRIMARY	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT	DATE OF RUNOFF	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Att’y		3/3/2020	307,662		11/3/2020	571,184	
	Mara W. Elliott (elected)		208,767	67.86		380,291	66.58%
	Cory Briggs		71,672	23.30		190,893	33.42%
	Pete Mesich		27,223	8.85			
Att’y		6/7/2016	280,935		11/8/2016	465,857	
	Robert Hickey		81,513	28.98		198,735	42.66
	Mara W. Elliott (elected)		68,020	24.18		267,122	57.34
	Rafael Castellanos		54,319	19.31			
	Gil Cabrera		47,072	16.73			
	Bryan Pease		30,011	10.67			
Att’y		6/5/2012	182,787		none		
	Jan Goldsmith (elected)		182,787	100.00			
Att’y		6/3/2008	211,832		11/4/2008	469,663	
	Jan Goldsmith (elected)		68,326	32.25		278,830	59.50
	Michael J. Aguirre		61,257	28.92		189,628	40.50
	Scott Peters		43,295	20.44			
	Brian Maisenschein		26,267	12.40			
	Amy J. Lepine		12,687	5.99			
Att’y		3/2/2004	227,782		11/2/2004	409,895	
	Michael J. Aguirre (elected)		104,610	45.93		206,594	50.40
	Leslie Devaney		63,664	27.95		203,301	49.60
	Deborah L. Berger		59,335	26.05			
Att’y		3/7/2000					
	Casey Gwinn (elected)		139,620	100.0			
Att’y		3/26/1996					
	Casey Gwinn (elected)		122,559	100.0			
Att’y		6/2/1992	201,324				
	John Witt (elected)		102,850	51.09			
	Bruce Henderson		98,474	48.91			
Att’y		6/7/1988					
	John Witt (elected)		130,687	100.0			
Att’y		6/5/1984	186,527				
	John W. Witt (elected)		125,942	67.52			
	Mike Schaefer		60,585	32.48			

Att'y		9/20/1977	147,329				
	John W. Witt (elected)		101,221	68.70			
	Rodney R. Jones		46,108	31.30			
Att'y		9/18/1973	112,581				
	John W. Witt (elected)		67,993	60.39			
	Jim Webb		44,588	39.61			
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Att'y		9/6/1969					
	John W. Witt (elected)		49,362	100.0			
Att'y		9/21/1965	102,611				
	Ed Butler (elected)		57,903	56.43			
	John C. Van Ven Them		44,708	43.57			
Att'y		1963					
	Richard J. Curran	Was acting City Attorney.					
Att'y		9/17/1963	107,313				
	Alan M. Firestone (elected)		54,732	51.00			
	Quintin Whelan		52,581	49.00			
Att'y		9/20/1961					
	Alan M. Firestone	Was acting City Attorney and appointed by the Council.					
Att'y		3/10/1959					
	Jean F. Du Paul (elected)		56,377	100.0			
Att'y		3/8/1955					
	Jean F. Du Paul (elected)		59,295	100.0			
Att'y		3/13/1951					
	Jean F. Du Paul (elected)		54,096	100.0			
Att'y		3/11/1947					
	Jean F. Du Paul (elected)		34,044	100.0			
Att'y		3/9/1943	33,419				
	Jean F. Du Paul (elected)		18,262	54.65			
	Clarence J. Novotny		15,157	45.35			
Att'y		1/4/1943					
	Clarence J. Novotny	Was appointed by the Governor and took office 1/4/1943.					
Att'y		3/25/1941	26,590		4/22/1941	33,357	
	Dayton L. Ault (elected)		19,302	72.59		25,172	75.46
	Jean F. Du Paul		7,288	27.41		8,185	24.54

Att'y		8/1941					
	Jacob Weinberger	Was appointed by the Governor 8/12/41; sworn in 8/19/1941.					
Att'y		3/23/1937	15,807		4/27/1937	19,020	
	Dayton L. Ault (elected)		15,243	96.43		18,363	96.55
	Earl H. Miller		526	3.33		461	2.42
	Earl Miller					117	0.62
	(Scattering)		38	0.02		79	0.42
Att'y		4/1936					
	Dayton L. Ault	Was appointed by the Governor 4/9/36; sworn in 4/27/36.					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE	DATE OF PRIMARY	VOTE COUNT	PER CENT	DATE OF RUNOFF	VOTE COUNT	PER CENT
Att'y		3/22/1932	23,437		4/26/1932	37,983	
	Clinton L. Byers (elected)		10,438	44.85		22,189	58.42
	Leland G. Stanford		9,787	44.08		15,794	41.58
	James J. Breckenridge		3,212	11.07			
No elections for the office of City Attorney were held between 1907 and 1932.							
Att'y					4/2/1907	4,144	
	George Puterbaugh (elected)					2,083	50.27
	Wm. R. Andrews					1,821	43.94
	H. E. Fletcher					240	5.79
Att'y					4/4/1905	3,738	
	George Puterbaugh					1,571	42.03
	W. R. Andrews (elected)					1,659	44.38
	H. E. Fletcher					508	13.59