



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

**Date:** March 30, 2010

**To:** Ways & Means/Budget Committee

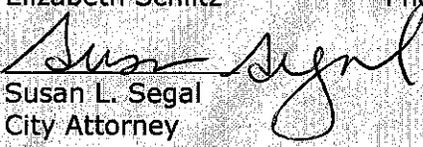
**Referral to:**

**Subject:** Council on Crime and Justice Contract for Crime Victim Liaison Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Attorney's Office to enter into a contract with the Council on Crime and Justice to provide victim/witness liaison services for 21 months (4/1/10-12/31/11) at a cost of \$438,837.

**Previous Directives:**

### Department Information

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### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_ Date
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- No financial impact

### Community Impact

### Supporting Information

For several years, the City Attorney's Office (CAO) has partnered with the Council on Crime and Justice (CCJ) to provide victim liaison services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to crime victims. The CAO is required by statute to provide notice to the crime victim at numerous points during criminal proceedings.

On January 11, 2010, the CAO issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Crime Victim/Witness Liaison Services to be provided to meet the requirements of the Minnesota Victims' Rights laws. The City Attorney's Office sought to meet three major goals through the RFP:

1. To meet the City Attorney's Office obligations under the Minnesota Victims' Rights Law;

2. To support prosecutions by providing communication and support to crime victims; and
3. To meet the specialized communication and support needs of domestic assault victims.

The CAO asked for results-oriented proposals to address its obligations under the Victim's Rights Law while making a strong effort to contain costs. Responders were asked to provide proposed budgets and service delivery models for three alternative ways to provide liaison services.

Based upon a review of all the proposals and consideration of the CAO needs, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Attorney's Office to enter into a contract with the Council on Crime and Justice to provide victim/witness liaison services for 21 months (4/1/10-12/31/10), at a cost of \$438,837.