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City of Costa Mesa's legal costs down an average of \$550,000 per year

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Since outsourcing its City Attorney's Office in the 2005-2006 fiscal year, legal costs for the City of Costa Mesa have dropped an average of \$550,000 annually.

In the five years prior to outsourcing, the City's average annual legal bill was \$1,501,976. In the five years since the Fullerton-based Jones & Mayer private law firm took over the City Attorney's functions, Costa Mesa's annual legal bill has been \$945,572. (Please see the attached spreadsheet for more details.)

The cost comparison is based on actual figures and does not include estimated increases in salary, benefits and pension costs if City Attorney services had remained in-house.

The City compiled the information after an inquiry by a Costa Mesa resident.

CITY ATTORNEY COST COMPARISON

(Excludes judgments and settlements)

DEPARTMENT 12100

Fiscal Year	General Fund		Self-Insurance Fund		TOTALS		Grand Total
	Jones & Mayer	In-House Legal	Jones & Mayer	Other Law Firms	Jones & Mayer	In-House and Other Law firms	
1999/2000	\$ -	\$ 712,333	\$ -	\$ 1,163,001	\$ -	\$ 1,875,334	\$ 1,875,334
2000/2001	-	773,445	-	443,802	-	1,217,247	1,217,247
2001/2002	-	828,346	-	541,318	-	1,369,664	1,369,664
2002/2003	-	858,145	-	485,175	-	1,343,320	1,343,320
2003/2004	-	738,150	-	966,165	-	1,704,315	1,704,315
2004/2005 *	262,995	696,334	-	128,129	262,995	824,463	1,087,458
2005/2006	546,480	-	89,628	101,275	636,108	101,275	737,383
2006/2007	525,780	-	275,163	150,156	800,943	150,156	951,099
2007/2008	454,075	-	315,775	116,872	769,850	116,872	886,722
2008/2009	448,050	-	353,120	361,576	801,170	361,576	1,162,746
2009/2010	405,425	-	422,770	161,718	828,195	161,718	989,913

* Jones & Mayer were hired during this fiscal year.