



# PUBLIC DEFENDER

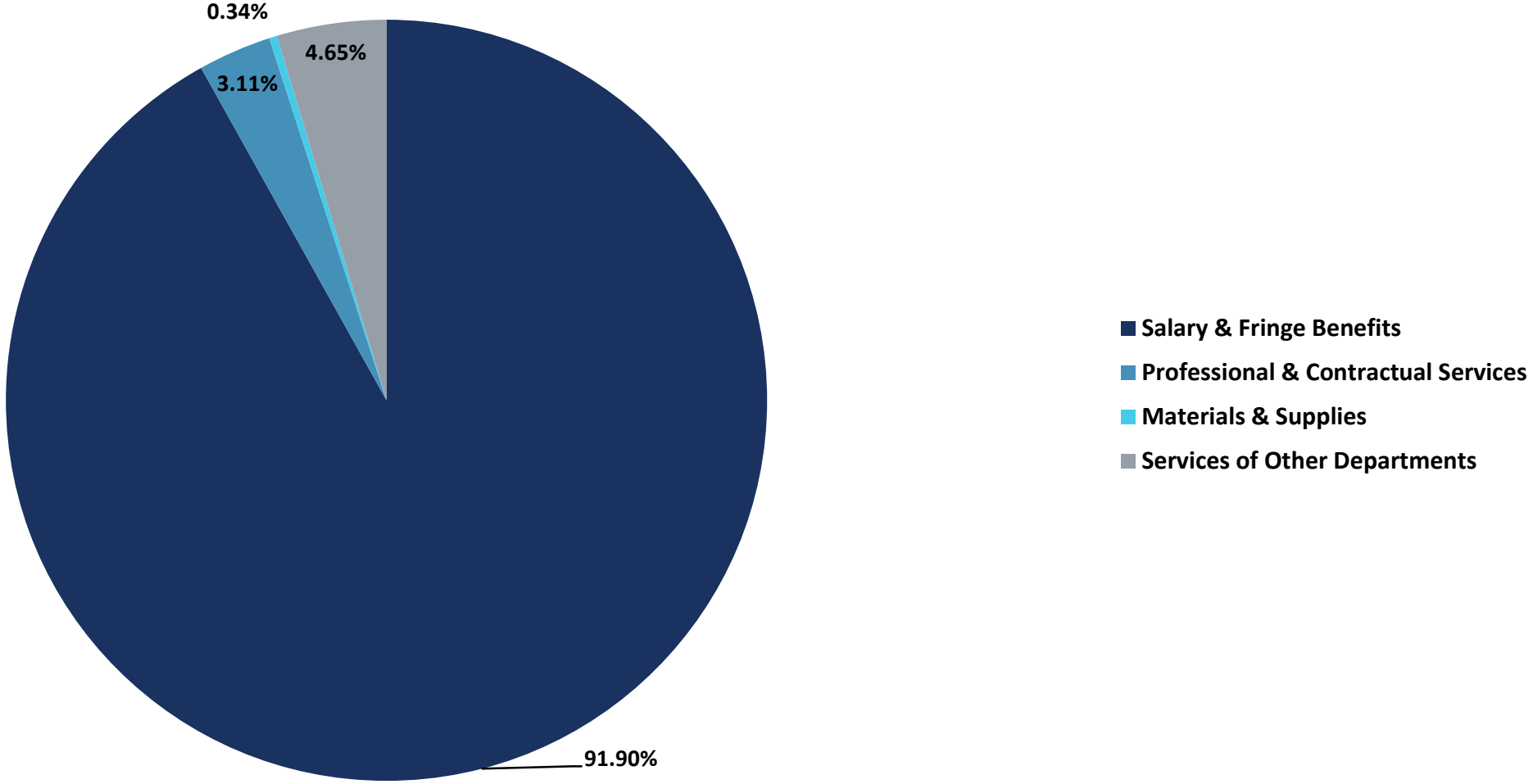
SAN FRANCISCO CITY BUDGET PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – AUGUST 14, 2020



## Public Defender Budget and FTE Summary (FY2020 – FY2022)

Fiscal Year	Budget	FTE
FY2019-20	41,273,445	189.08
FY2020-21	41,537,449	185.34
FY2021-22	40,701,505	180.69

**FY 2019-2020 GF Operating Expenditures**



<b>Division</b>	<b>FY19-20 Budget</b>	<b>FY19-20 FTE</b>	<b>FY20-21 Budget</b>	<b>FY20-21 FTE</b>	<b>FY21-22 Budget</b>	<b>FY21-22 FTE</b>
Admin/HR/Finance	\$1,886,778	9	\$1,913,627	9	\$1,894,163	9
Felony	\$11,381,513	49	\$11,543,476	49	\$11,426,065	49
Misdemeanor	\$3,549,961	18	\$2,942,558	14	\$2,863,621	14
Juvenile	\$3,544,189	18	\$3,594,624	18	\$3,558,062	18
Mental Health	\$1,324,390	6	\$1,343,237	6	\$1,329,574	6
Immigration	\$2,648,880	14	\$2,686,574	14	\$2,659,249	14
Specialty Courts/Units	\$3,077,150	15	\$3,120,939	15	\$2,724,576	12
Paralegals/Investigators/ Social Workers	\$5,218,961	36	\$5,293,229	36	\$5,239,391	36
Legal System Integrity	\$688,592	3	\$698,391	3	\$691,288	3
Policy/Community Education	\$480,457	3	\$487,294	3	\$482,338	3
Research	\$1,536,716	5	\$1,558,585	5	\$1,542,732	5
Information Technology / Clerical Support	\$2,074,767	14	\$2,104,292	14	\$2,082,888	14
Youth “Magic” Programs	\$678,140	6	\$687,790	6	\$680,795	6

# ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY ADDRESS DISPARITIES FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

- *Racial equity is at the core of our work as public defenders. Both inside and outside the courtroom we fight for services, strong outcomes and freedom for our clients, who are vulnerable low-income people of color.*
- *Youth ‘MAGIC Programs’ reduce juvenile contact with the criminal legal system by empowering community-based organizations to tackle systemic problems in Bayview Hunters Point and the Fillmore.*
- *The Clean Slate Program expunges convictions that often stand in the way of access to housing, employment, and the benefits of employment such as health care.*
- *The Legal System Integrity Unit holds police accountable for misconduct and advocates for reforms to local policies and procedures that have disproportionately targeted communities of color. The Unit also seeks release or resentencing for those who have been punished under laws that disproportionately sentence people of color to longer terms in prison.*
- *The Immigration Unit is the main resource and place of referral for individuals facing deportation in SF Immigration Courts. The Unit regularly files appeals challenging ICE’s deportation of immigrants and files dozens of post-conviction relief motions to restore the immigration status of immigrant community members.*

# DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Leading on meaningful police reform:** in SF (e.g. use of force, mug shots), and organizing public defenders across CA to fight for statewide policy changes
- **Fighting ICE:** Reduced the population of two California ICE detention centers by 2/3 and are continuing to fight for more releases and better conditions
- **Prison releases:** Leading efforts to release over 120 people from CA prisons, including San Quentin, using new state law 1170(d), and through Habeas Petitions
- **Juvenile hall and jail releases:** Have kept Juvenile Hall at under 15 youth, and SF Jails at under 800
- **Courtroom safety:** Leading the fight to keep courtrooms safe while also ensure fair trials
- **Young Defenders Program:** building a pipeline of criminal justice advocates through unique internship program for SF high school students

# DEPARTMENT REDUCTIONS

## KEEP FOUR POSITIONS VACANT FOR TWO YEARS

- We have been asked to hold 4 felony attorney FTEs vacant for FY 2020-2021 and FYI 2021-2022. These vacancies will result in increased case loads for other attorneys in the office.
- Our Pretrial Release Unit (PRU), made up of 3FTEs, is not currently funded in FY 2021-2022. This unit has run successfully for 4 years, and allows for speedy access to a public defender, often resulting in much less jail time and quicker access to services for vulnerable clients.
- Over 90 percent of the Public Defender's budget is made up of salaries. For this reason, it is challenging to make budget cuts without lay offs.
- 100 percent of the clients we serve are indigent, meaning they are all extremely low income. Over 50 percent of our clients are Black, over 80 percent are people of color and many are homeless, mentally ill, or both.
- This budget process is happening in the context of a national movement around an end to police mistreatment and violence, and a centering of Black communities and other marginalized people-- the very people we serve. In this context, the work our department does is more important than ever before.

