


OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- District Attorney Brooke Jenkins
- Budget & Appropriations Committee
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DEPARTMENT MISSION



Prioritize public safety by restoring accountability and appropriate consequences to the criminal justice system. The Department believes in responsible reforms, giving offenders the opportunity to address the root causes of their criminal behavior, and developing innovative programs to serve as tools for rehabilitation. SFDA is committed to creating a safer, stronger San Francisco that supports crime victims, survivors, and their loved ones. The office is dedicated to reducing mass incarceration and recidivism, while eliminating racial and class inequities in the criminal justice system.

BUDGET CHANGES

Budget Year (FY 25-26)

	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget	Change From 2024-25	Percent Change
Total Budget:	\$93,586,565	\$96,480,813	\$2,894,248	3.09%

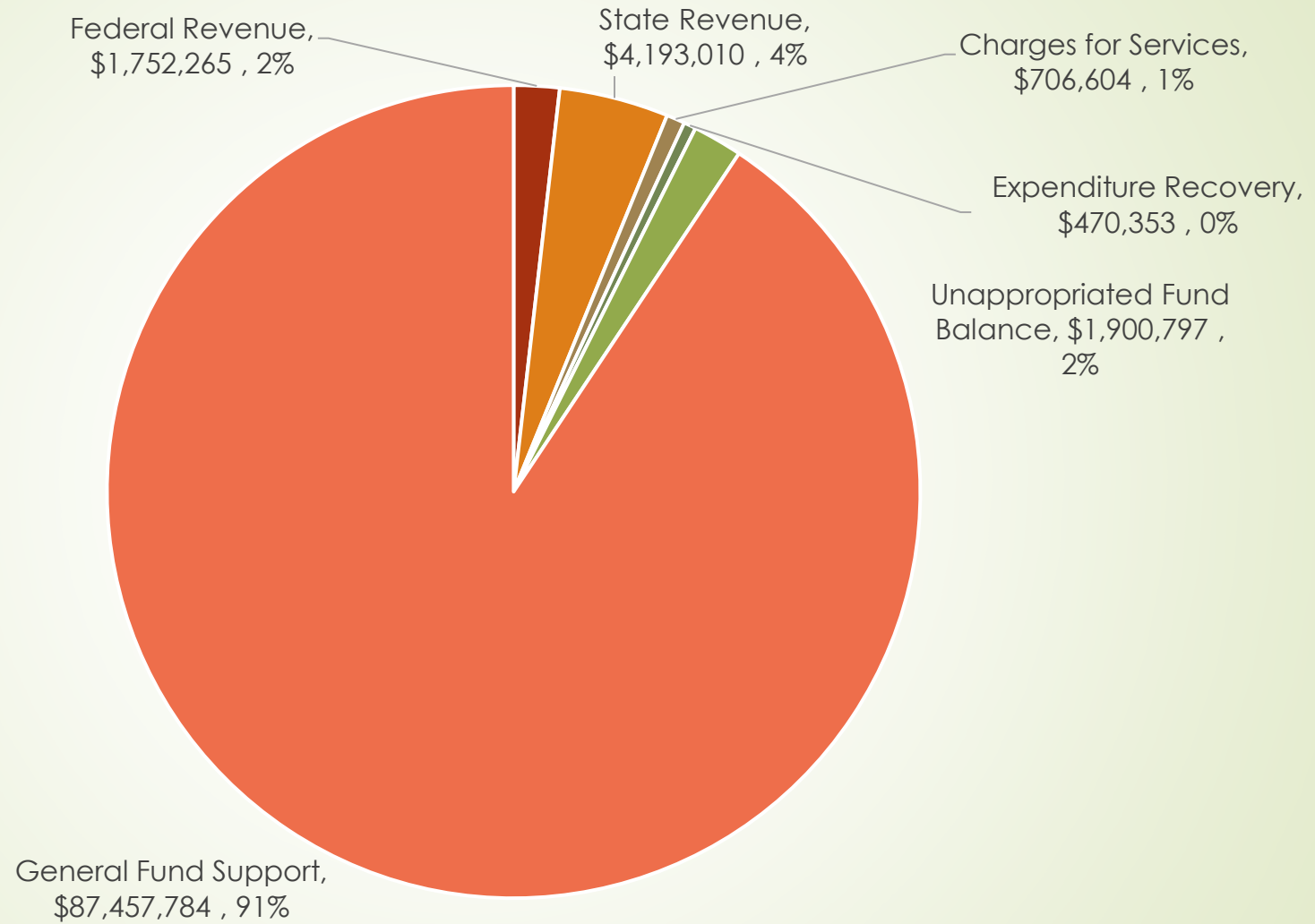
Budget Year + 1 (FY 26-27)

	2025-26 Proposed Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Change From 2025-26	Percent Change
Total Budget:	\$96,480,813	\$98,989,351	\$2,508,538	2.60%

FY 25-26 BUDGET MAJOR CHANGES

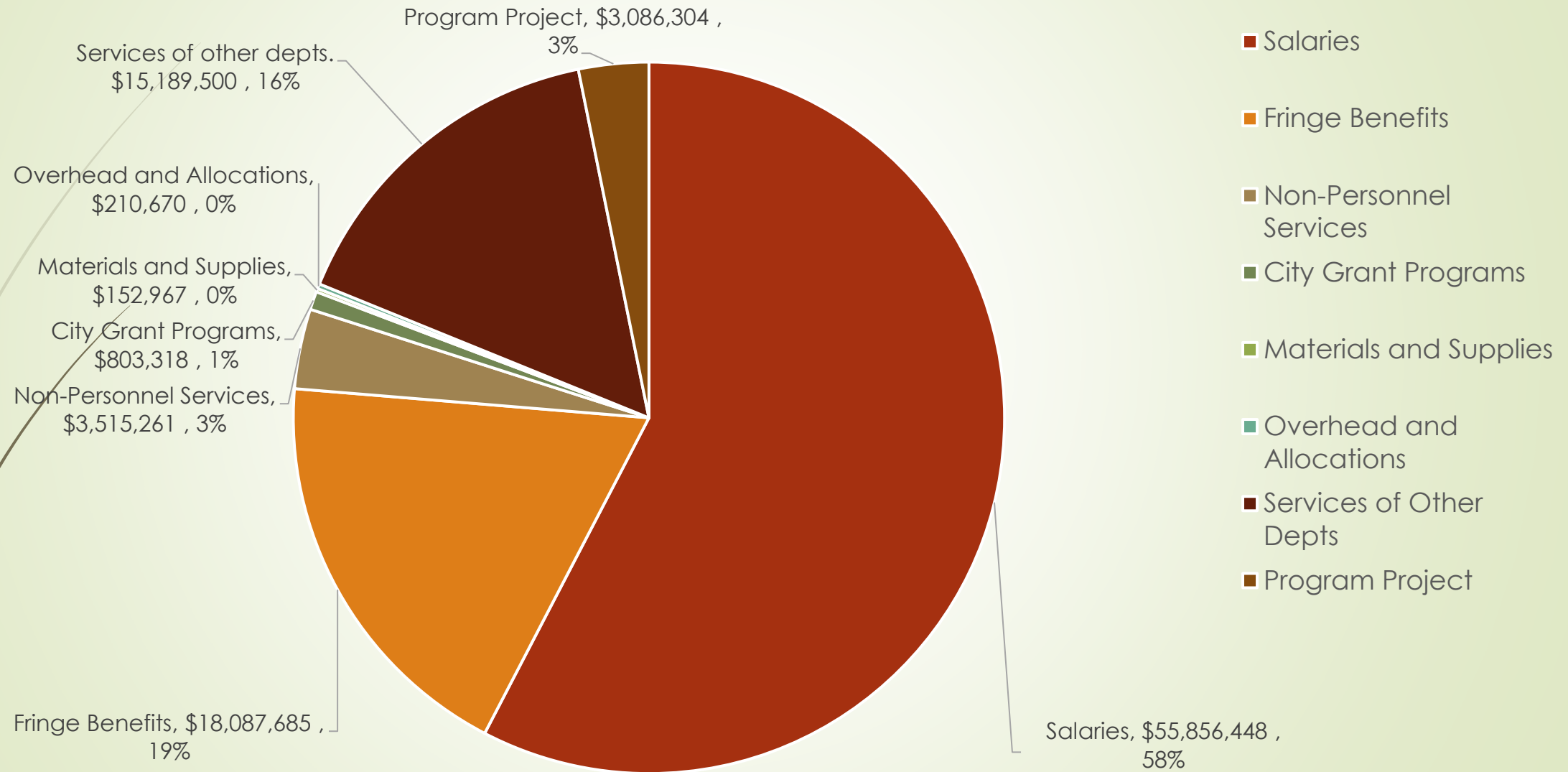
	Salary & Fringe	\$3,037,205	MOU/COLA related increases
	Inter-Department Services	\$ 614,788	Adjustments to Lease and Worker's Compensation budgets
	Non-personnel Services	(\$494,312)	State Grant Reductions
	City Grant Programs	(\$276,446)	State Grant Reductions
	Materials & Supplies	\$0	No changes
	Other Misc Changes	\$13,013	Other net changes
	Total Changes:	\$2,894,248	


SOURCE OF FUNDS



■ Federal Revenue ■ State Revenue ■ Charges for Services
■ Expenditure Recovery ■ Unappropriated Fund Balance ■ General Fund Support

FY 25-26 Base Expenditures – By Value & Percent





Budget Category	Category Descriptions
Salaries	Salaries of Department employees to include premiums, overtime, one-time payouts
Fringe	Fringe benefits to include retirement, social security, Health, dental,
Programmatic Project	Annual projects for IIB and VSD, salary-based funding
City Grant Programs	Grants for Neighborhood Courts, LGBTQ Community Victim Services, and Youth and Young Adult diversionary programming
Overhead and Allocations	General cost recovery against grants for non-direct costs incurred
Non-Personnel Services	Funds litigation expenses (transcripts, translation, witness reimbursements, experts, building security, shuttle, GRM storage, copier, online legal software, case management maintenance etc. . .
Materials & Supplies	Funds general office supplies of a law office; also includes minor law enforcement equipment
Services of Other Departments	Funds lease costs, Dept of Technology, Worker's Comp, Central Shops, Dept of Public Health screenings for employment etc. . .

POSITION CHANGES

Budget Year

	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	Change From 2024-25	Percent Change
Total FTE:	322.99	323.87	0.88	.3%

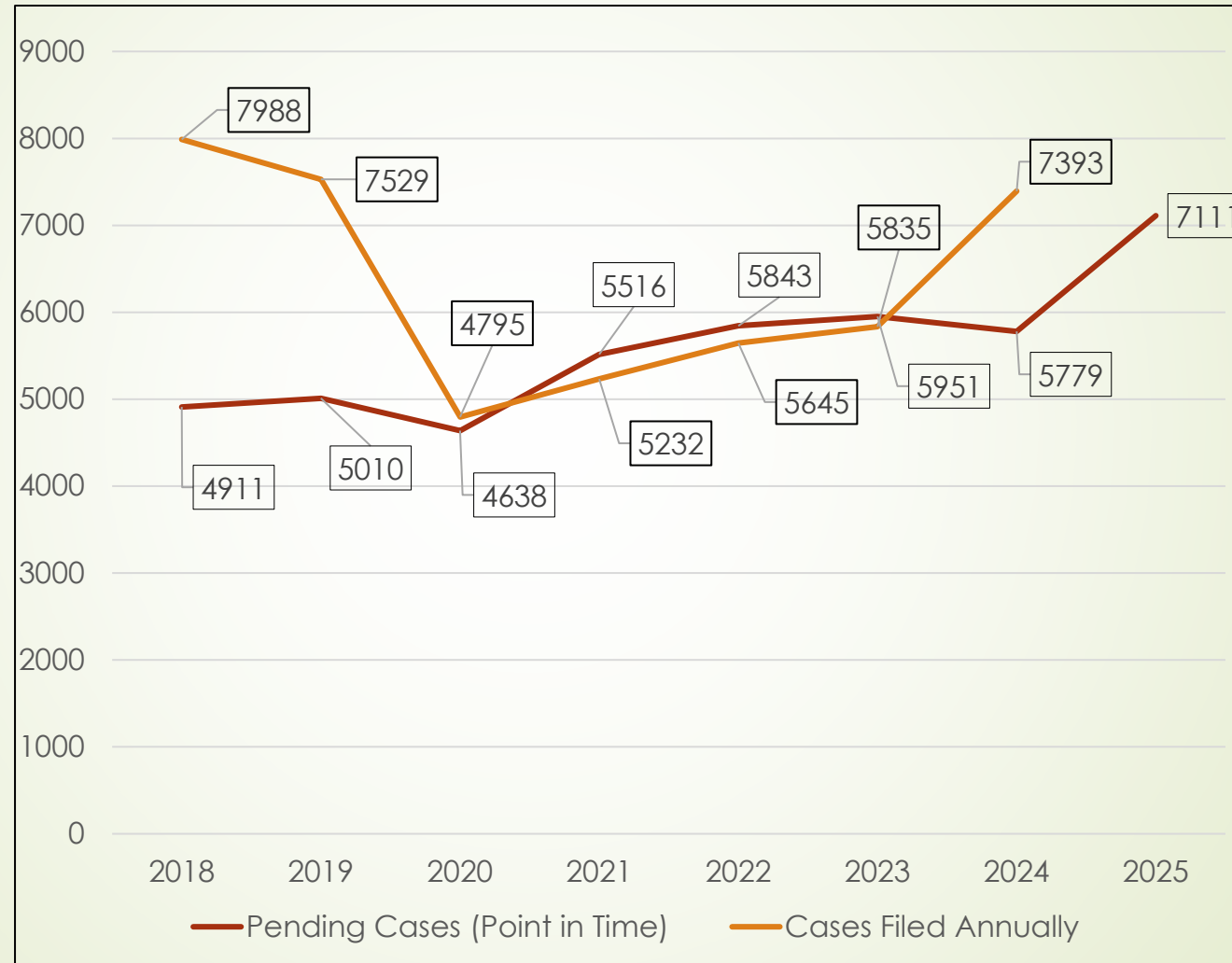
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Total FTE:	323.87	323.87	-	-

District Attorney Staffing

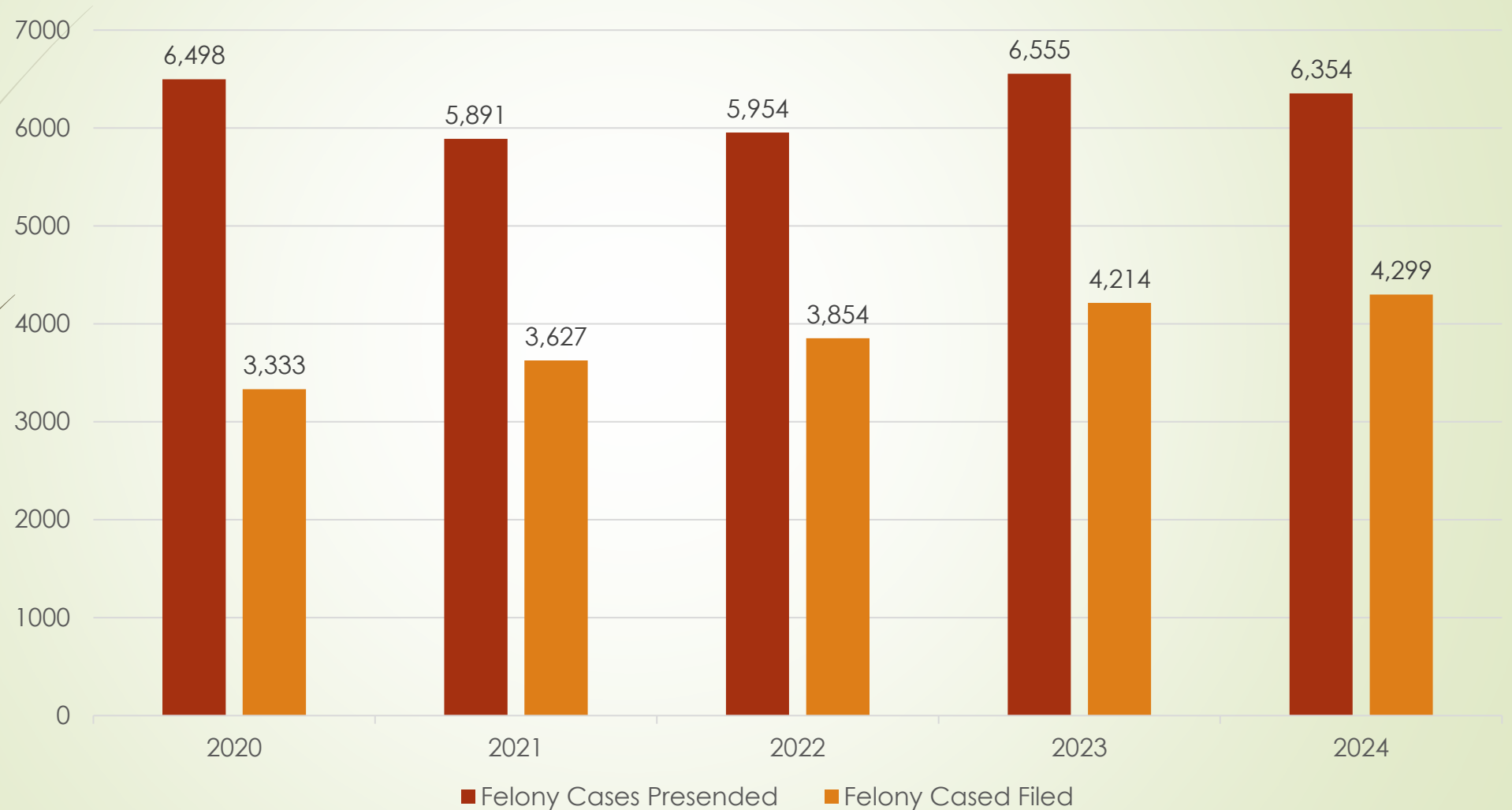
As of April 11, 2025	Positions	Vacancies
1	District Attorney	
141	Attorneys	6
61	Legal Support Staff	
39	Victim Advocates	5
34	Investigators	5
14	Admin and Program Managers	
8	IT Staff	
8	Admin Analysts (Finance, Data)	
4	HR & Payroll	
3	Program Staff	3
2	Accounting	
2	Clerical	
317		19

Pending versus Filed Cases

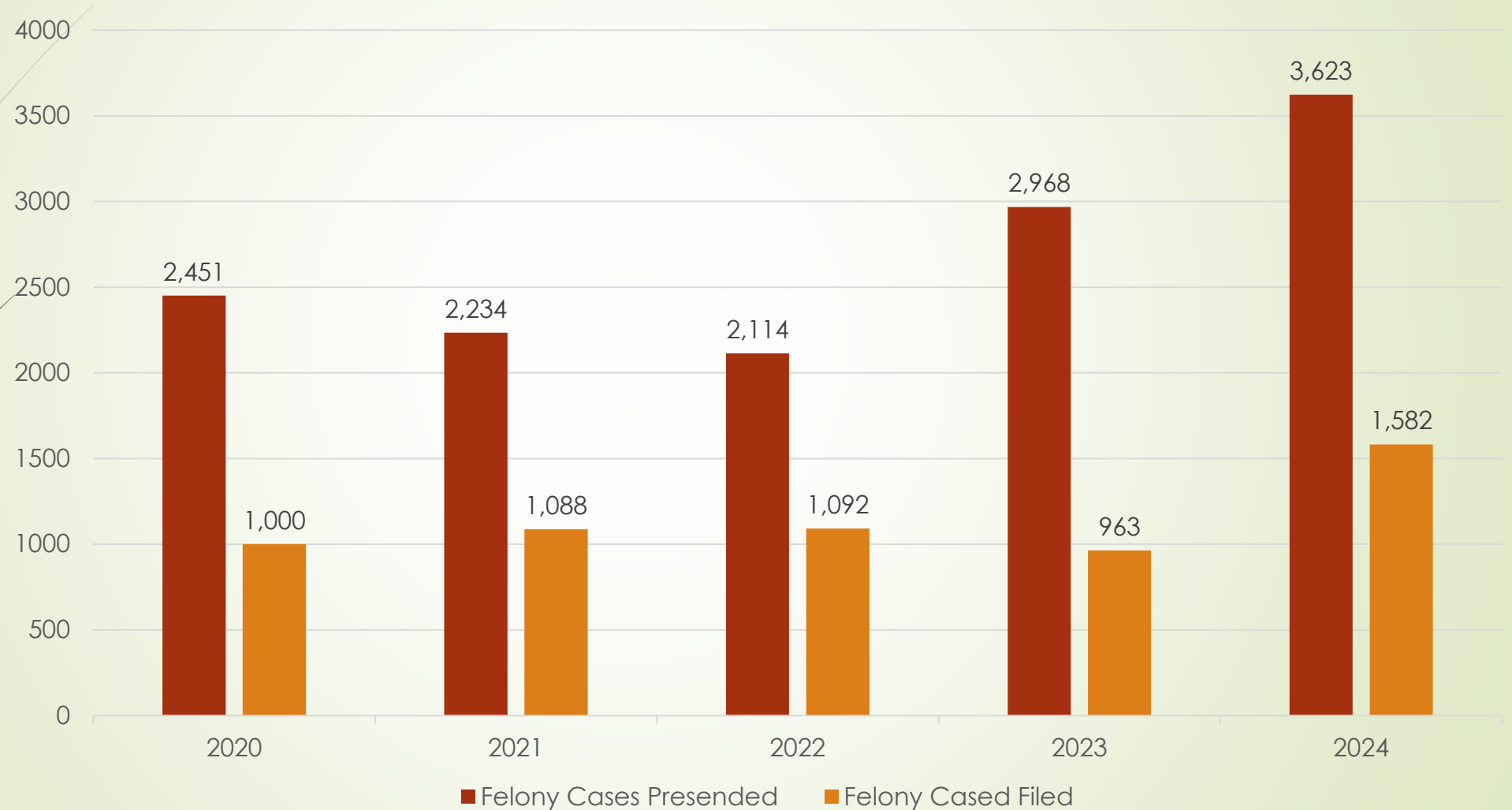


*Pending Cases are post filed cases still in progress. Filed Cases are newly charged cases each year.

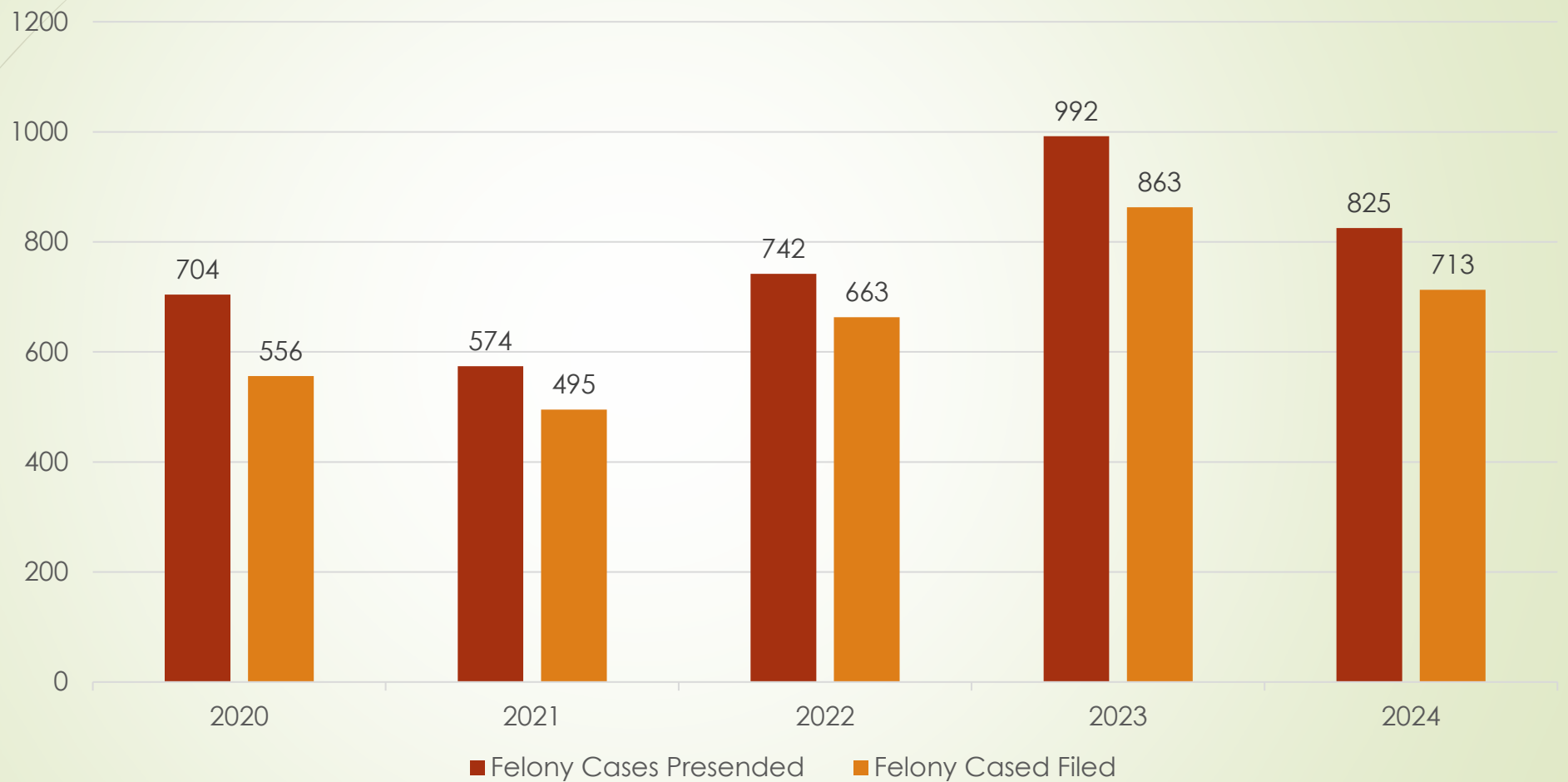
Felony Cases Presented and Filed by Year



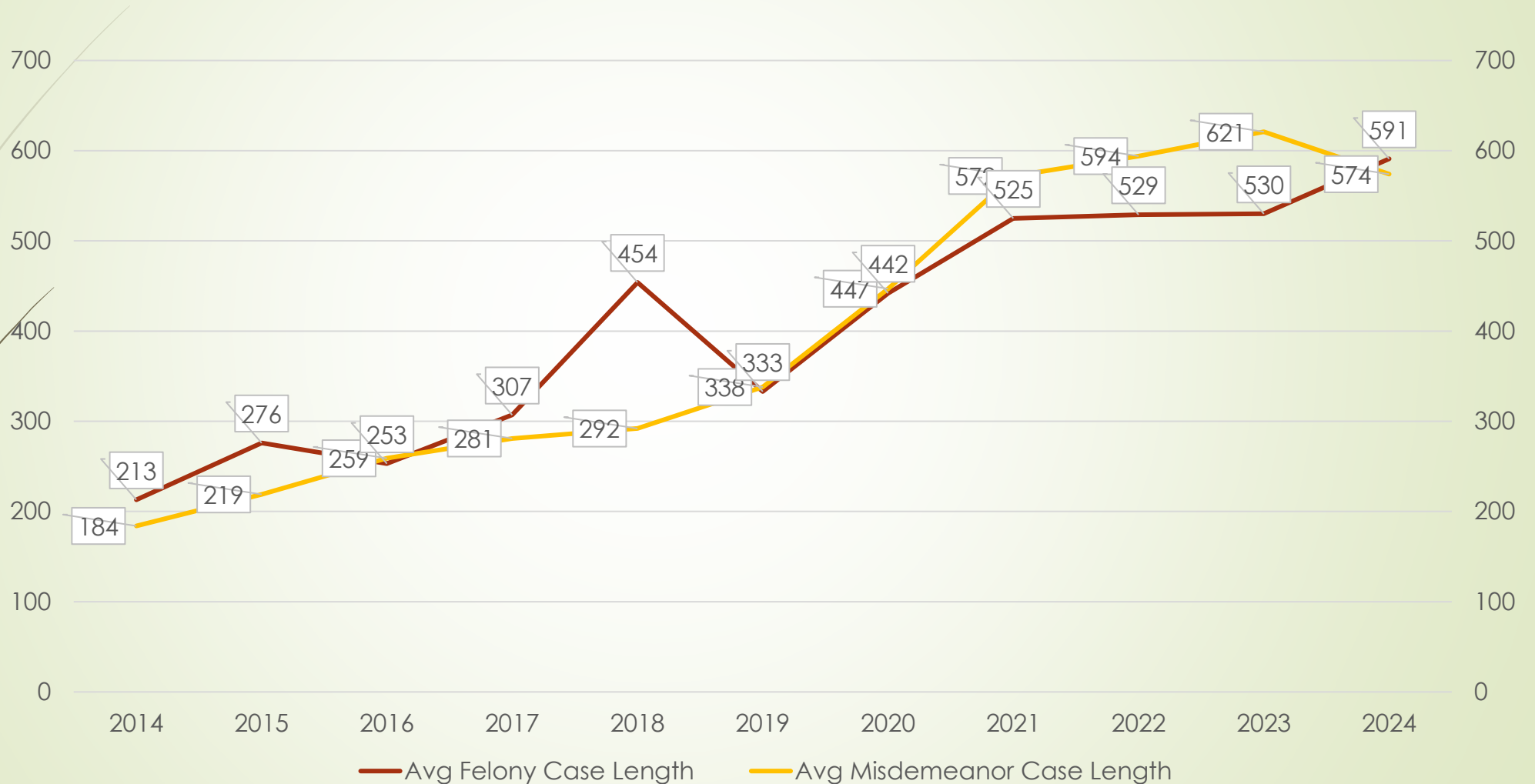
Misdemeanor Cases Presented and Filed by Year



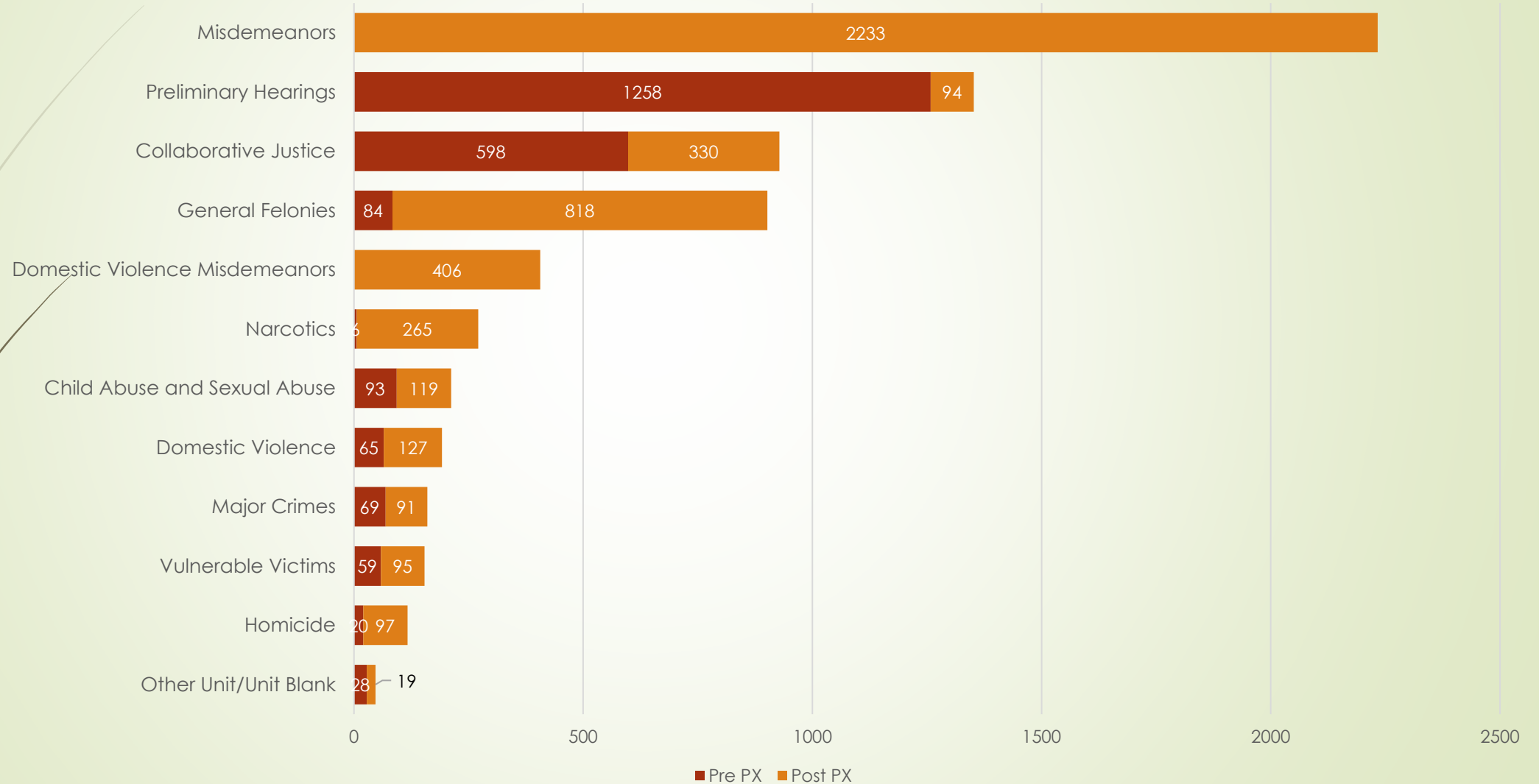
Felony Narcotics Cases Presented and Filed



Felony & Misdemeanor Case Lengths in Days (Filing to any Resolution)



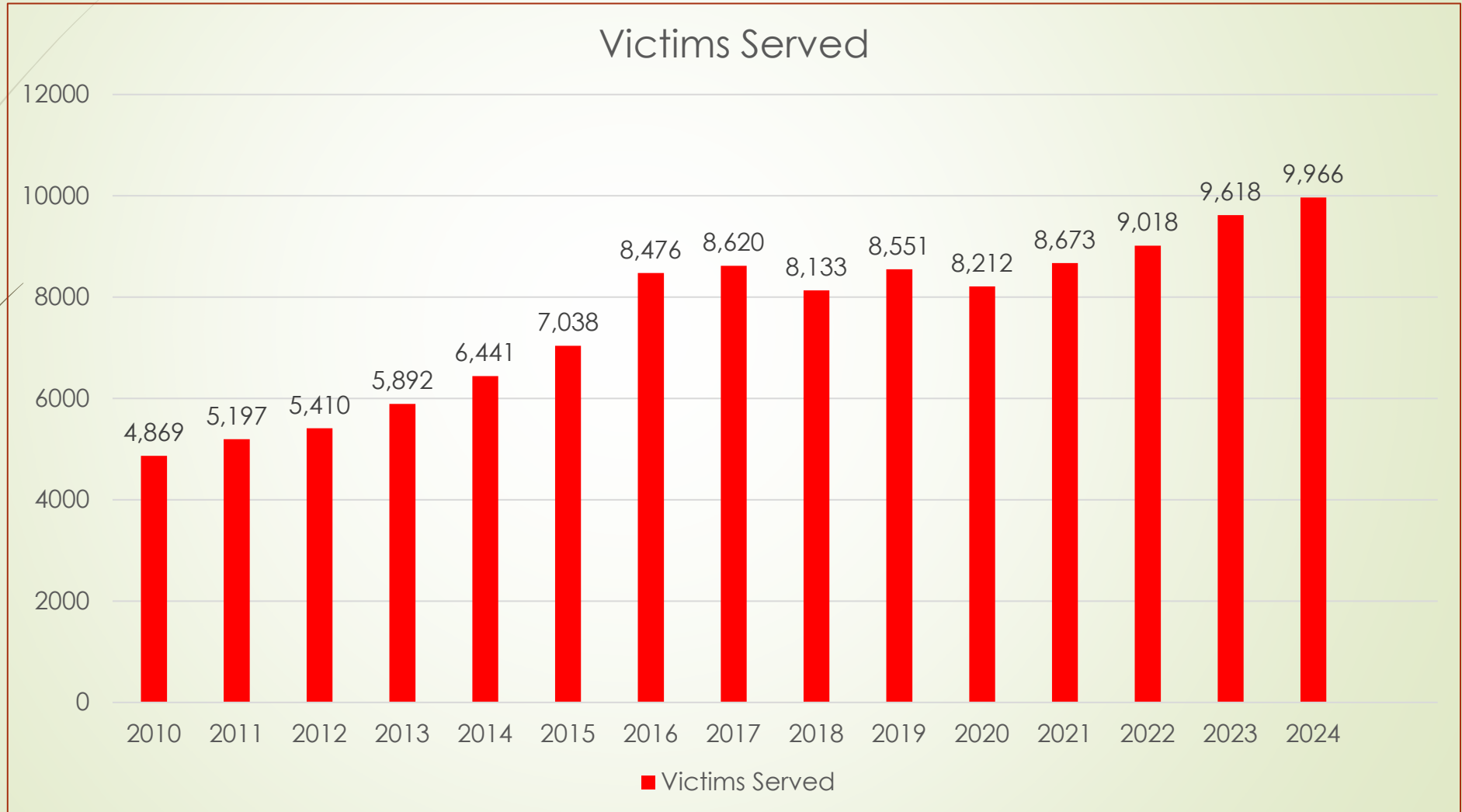
Current Pending Adult Criminal Cases by Stage



Unit Caseloads


Unit	Division	ADA Count	Current Open Cases	Current Open Cases per ADA
Misdemeanors	General	12	2,233	186
Preliminary Hearings	General	13	1,352	104
General Felonies	General	13	902	69
Narcotics	General	3	271	90
Domestic Violence Misdemeanors	Vertical	5	406	81
Domestic Violence	Vertical	6	192	32
Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse	Vertical	6	212	35
Major Crimes	Vertical	4	160	40
Homicide	Vertical	7	117	17
Collaborative Justice	Collaborative Justice	5	928	186
Vulnerable Victims	Vertical	3	154	51

Victims Served from 2010 - 2024



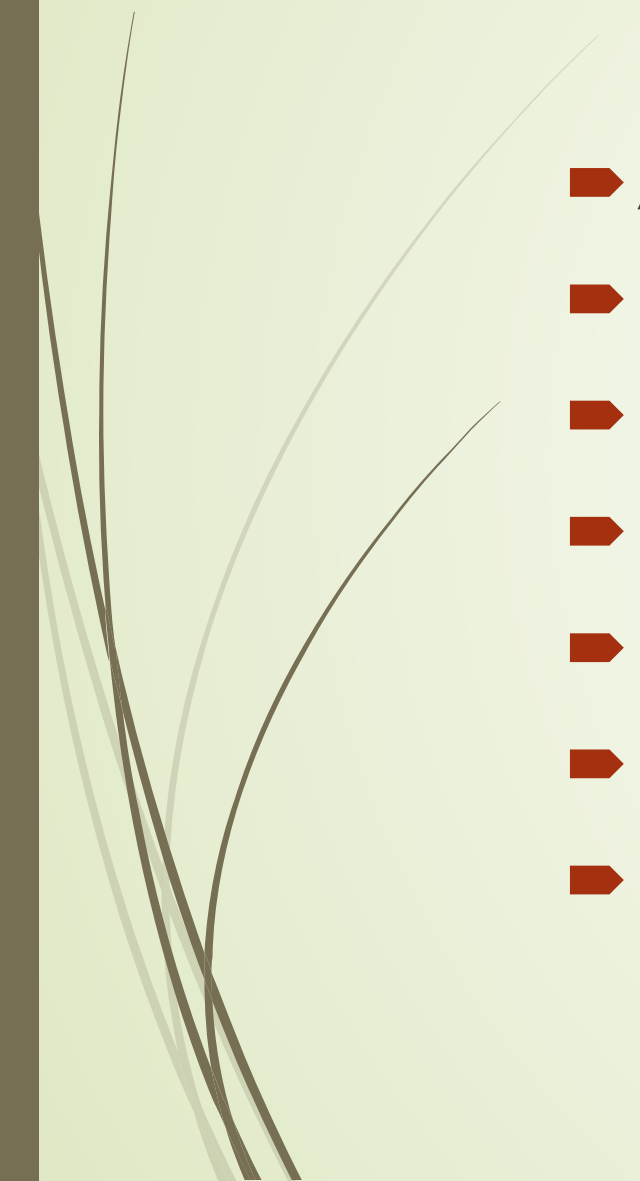


What Budget Reductions would Mean

- As budget is 80% salaries and fringe any reduction would be to staffing
 - Mayor's \$5.4 million reduction request would mean at minimum, a reduction of 25 prosecutors
 - Creating unmanageable caseloads or would result in not prosecuting categories of crime
 - Not being able to put on the best case due to lack of resources
 - Resulting in lack of accountability for offenders and
 - No time for individualized case assessment to address root causes of criminal behavior
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Ongoing Challenges

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- Attorney Recruitment and Retention
 - Underfunding of Legal Support Staffing
 - Racial Justice Act
 - Race Blind Charging
 - Be the Jury
 - Federal Cutbacks to VOCA Funding
 - Underfunding of Non-Personnel Services

Prosecutor Recruitment & Retention

- Prosecutor Vacancy Crisis in the US
 - Drought in prosecutor pipeline as attorneys chose alternate careers
 - Vacancy rates for prosecutor offices across the US ranges from 15% to 33%. SF hovers around 5-7%
 - Work has become more complex – increased discovery obligations and liability for the prosecutor has increased
 - Pay in comparison to less stressful attorney jobs is low
 - Pay in comparison to other Bay Area Counties is behind (Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Alameda all pay more)



Legal Support Services

- Historically understaffing of legal support staff
- On average, one paralegal supports 8 prosecutors
- Each paralegal is responsible for 500 to 700 cases at any given time
- Newer units do not have legal support staffing
- These staff help to ensure that due process is provided in all cases
 - Order and organize all material for discovery
 - Ensure discovery is provided to defendants in a timely manner
 - Failure to produce materials result in sanctions from case dismissals to attorney sanctions

Racial Justice Act

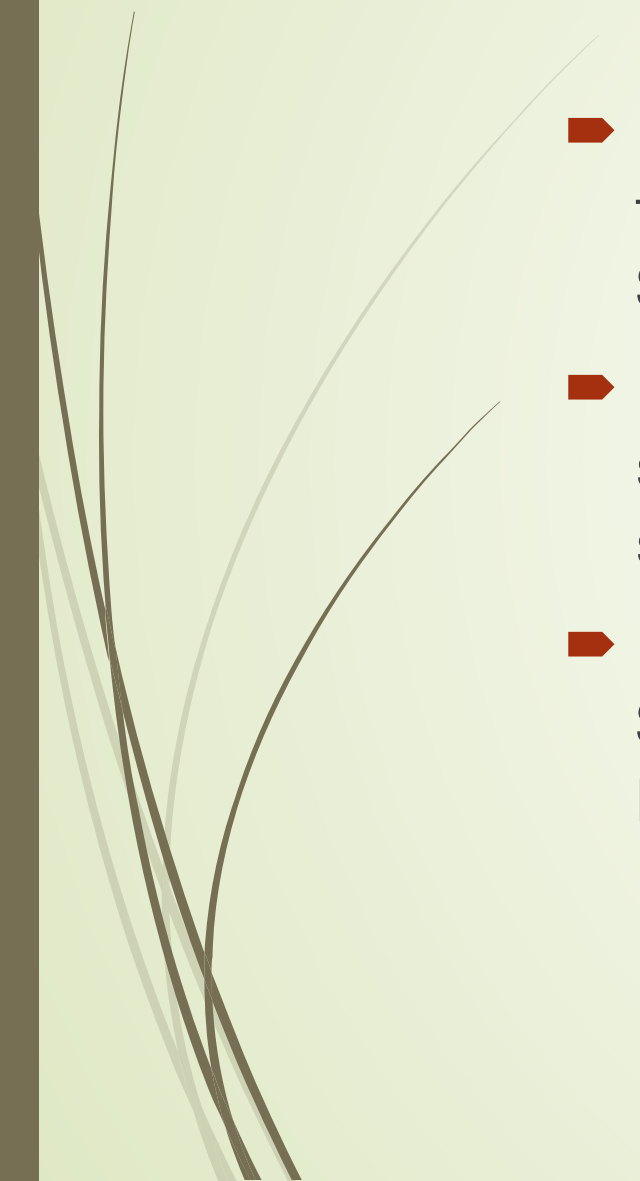
- Unfunded legislative mandate enacted by Assembly Bill AB 2542 to combat discrimination based on race, ethnicity or national origin in the criminal justice system
- Requires prosecutor's offices to discover volumes of case data, which can go back decades
- Prosecutor's offices must respond to motions which allege that discrimination was involved in any part of the criminal justice process
- Already begun to handle this work with no additional staffing
- Significant amount of discovery work that requires production of complaints, incident reports, emails, text messages, training records, charging documents
- Department is not funded or staffed to handle the increasing volume of this litigation

Race Blind Charging

- New legislative mandate effective January 1, 2025, enacted by Assembly Bill 2778 and Penal Code Section, 741
- Intent is to reduce the potential for unconscious bias during the initial charging decisions in criminal cases
- Requires redaction of all identifying information of all suspects, victims and witnesses in cases received from law enforcement
- Requires making initial charging decision in a race blind manner
- Requires making a secondary charging decision with race referencing data
- Requires documenting final charging decision and any changes in decision
- Due to limitations in existing technology infrastructure will take significant investment in human resources and technology
- The Department has made several requests to fund this unfunded mandate as it requires a staffing pattern within our Intake Unit that currently doesn't exist



Be the Jury

- Partnership with Treasurer, Public Defender and Superior Court to ensure that eligible low-income San Franciscans are paid \$100 per day for service
 - Program ensures that jury pool more closely reflects the city's socio-economic diversity and all that are asked to served can serve ensuring the system is fairer
 - Program has successfully enabled thousands of low-income San Franciscans to serve on juries that would have otherwise been unable to serve
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Federal Cutbacks to VOCA Funding

- At a time when the number of victims served is steadily increasing reductions to Federal Victims of Crime Act carries a great impact
- Seen reductions totaling \$769,000 in the last two years
- Reductions specifically to the human trafficking, marginalized victims and critical incidents teams.
- Still have a consistent need for victim services in high crime neighborhoods and are not able to continue to expand into areas of need

Underfunding of Non-Personnel Expenses

Fund Description	Account Lvl 3 Description	Original Budget	Supplemental Budget	Transfer & Other Budget	Carryforward Budget	Budget Correction	Revised Budget	GL Actual	Encumbrance	Pre-Encumbrance	Surplus/ Savings (Shortfall/ Overspending)
GF Annual Account Ctrl	Charges for Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$300	\$0	\$0	(\$9,700)
	Intergovernmental: State	\$710,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$710,000	\$358,958	\$0	\$0	(\$351,042)
		\$720,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$720,000	\$359,258	\$0	\$0	(\$360,742)
GF Annual Account Ctrl	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,907	\$0	\$71,907	\$71,907	\$0	\$0	\$0
	City Grant Program	\$203,481	\$0	\$0	\$7,543	\$0	\$211,024	\$194,845	\$16,180	\$0	\$0
	Mandatory Fringe Benefits	\$14,206,907	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,206,907	\$10,770,899	\$0	\$0	\$3,436,008
	Materials & Supplies	\$123,732	\$0	\$0	\$35,853	\$0	\$159,585	\$122,240	\$36,321	\$0	\$1,024
	Non-Personnel Services	\$1,547,100	\$0	\$0	\$34,825	\$0	\$1,581,925	\$1,410,390	\$171,376	\$0	\$160
	Overhead and Allocations	(\$203,599)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$203,599)	(\$177,561)	\$0	\$0	(\$26,038)
	Salaries	\$44,872,988	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,872,988	\$35,438,506	\$0	\$0	\$9,434,482
	Services Of Other Depts	\$14,574,712	\$0	\$0	\$2,146,888	\$0	\$16,721,600	\$9,525,832	\$0	\$0	\$7,195,768
		\$75,325,321	\$0	\$0	\$2,297,017	\$0	\$77,622,338	\$57,357,057	\$223,877	\$0	\$20,041,403

*DA General Fund Annual Account Controlled Budget as of April 2025. Non-personnel Services fully expended. Materials and Supplies almost depleted as well.

Underfunding of Non-Personnel Expenses

- COSTS that have not been funded or underfunded
 - eProsecutor Annual Maintenance - \$166,892 (underfunded)
 - Records Management - \$100,000 (underfunded)
 - Legal Online software - Lexis Nexis/Accurint - \$57,000 (underfunded)
 - Litigation Expenses - \$150,000 (underfunded)
 - HOJ/Rhode Island Shuttle - \$126,836 (underfunded)
 - Legal Online software - Westlaw/Clear - \$158,000 (not funded)
 - MOU Required Bar Dues Memberships - \$135,680 (not funded)



Public Safety Enhancement Requests

- Race Blind Charging - \$1,290,896
 - Racial Justice Act - \$1,075,931
 - Be the Jury - \$125,000
 - General Operations - \$894,225
 - Victim Services VOCA Back-fill - \$768,689
 - Legal Support Staffing Enhancement – \$421,486
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- **Total Requests: \$4,576,227**



END OF PRESENTATION