



BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Brandon E. Riley, Court Executive Officer
FY 2026–27 Budget Presentation

CIVIL GRAND JURY

- ▶ County function managed by the Court
- ▶ Staff the needs of the civil grand jury
- ▶ Fiscal agent for jury's expenses
- ▶ **FY 26–27 Budget: \$250K**

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FY 26–27 Budget



INDIGENT DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

- ▶ Court appoints conflicts counsel for indigent adults and juveniles whenever the Public Defender declares a conflict of interest or is otherwise unavailable
- ▶ Justice: all persons are innocent unless proven guilty
- ▶ The accused are entitled to representation — a guaranteed right
- ▶ This program is a legally mandated county function

Legal Authority

U.S. Constitution, Amendment VI
California Penal Code, Section 987

\$10.6M

FY 26–27 Budget



YEAR OVER YEAR COMPARISON

Program	FY 25–26	FY 26–27	FY 27–28
Civil Grand Jury	\$250,962	\$250,962	\$250,962
Indigent Defense	\$9,792,249	\$10,602,675	\$10,918,064
Total	\$10,043,211	\$10,853,637	\$11,169,026

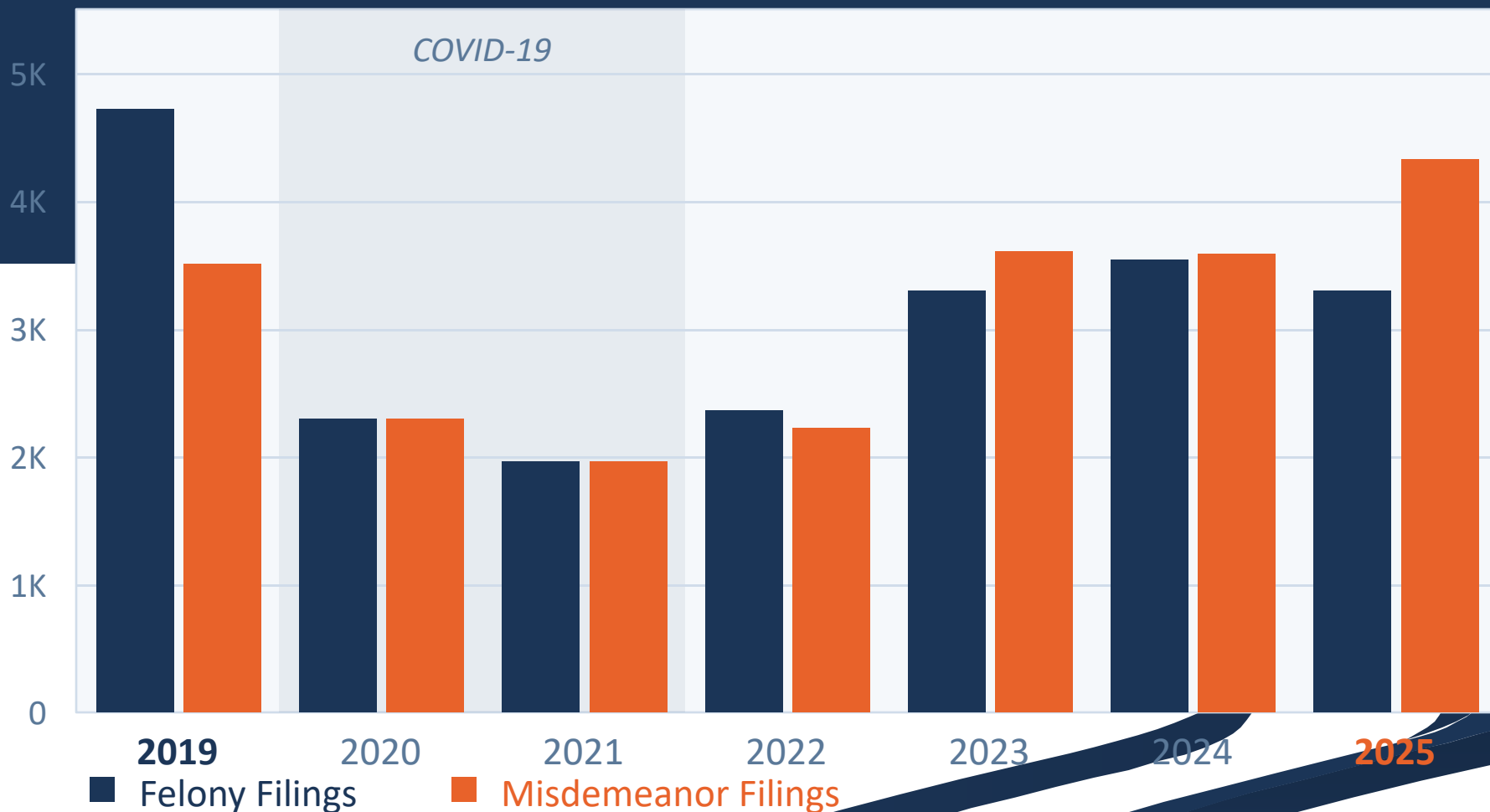
FY 2026-27 Increase
+\$810K / 8%

- \$810K Increase Breakdown
 - \$500K Program Increase in FY 26-27
 - \$310K CPI adjustment
- Percentage increase likely insufficient to address increased caseload
- Supplemental needed in early 2027 if caseload remains elevated



NEW CRIMINAL FILINGS: FELONY INCREASED FROM COVID LOWS, MISDEMEANOR SURGE

New cases filed per analysis year, FY 2019–2025 — Source: Controller's Office Memorandum, Feb. 12, 2026

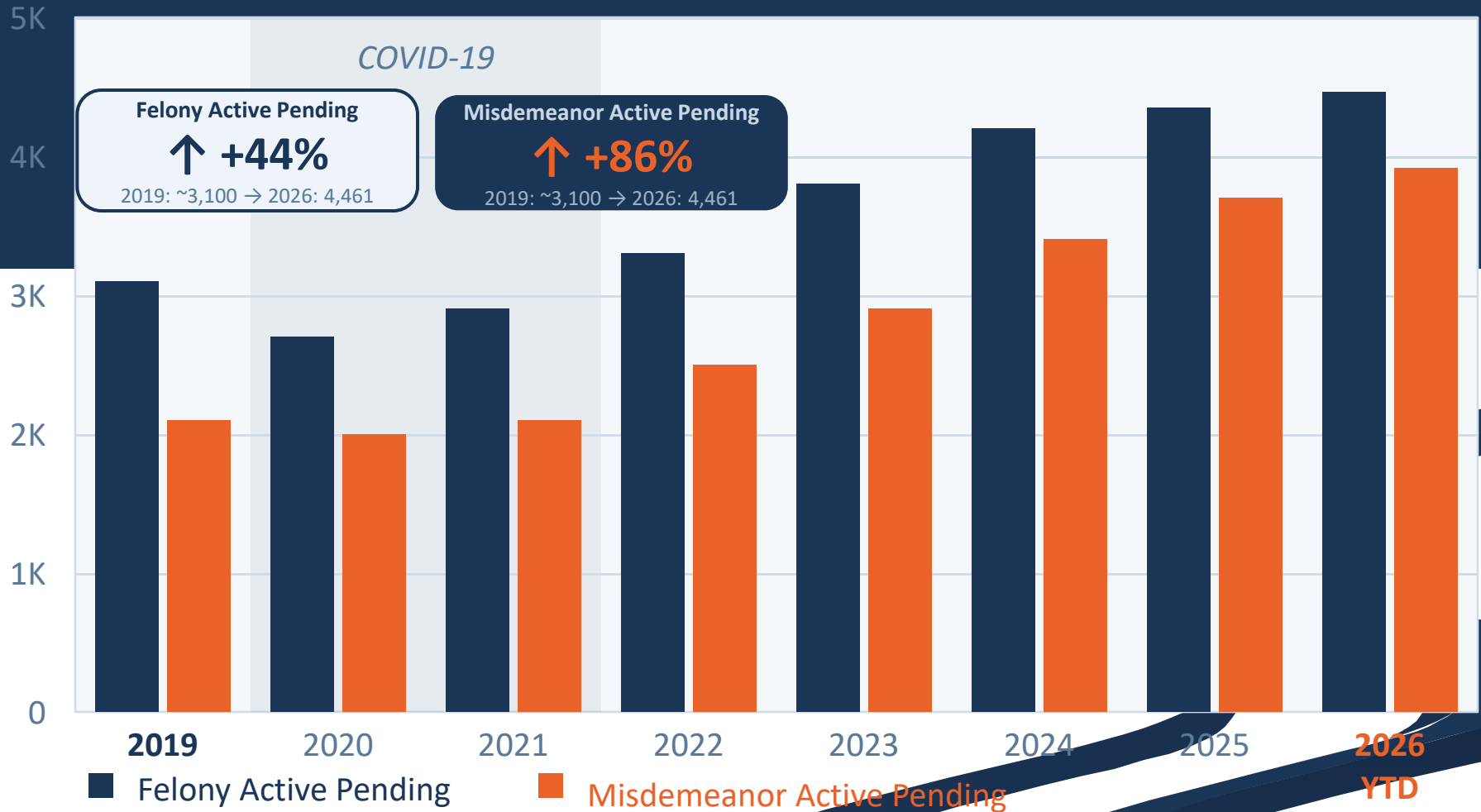


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To assure equal access, fair treatment, and the just and efficient resolution of disputes for all people asserting their rights under the law.

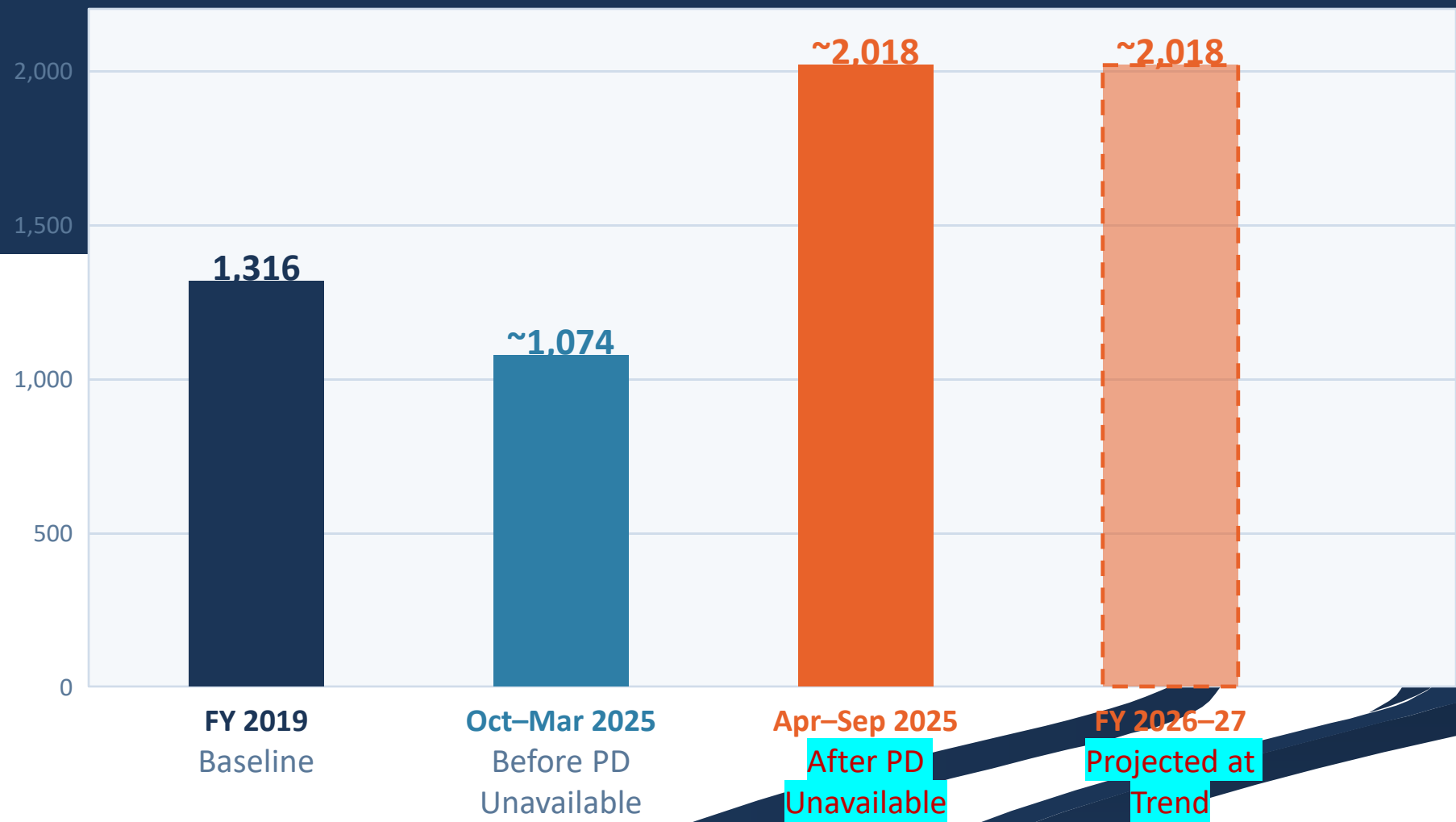
ACTIVE PENDING CASELOAD: GROWING BACKLOG

Annual year-end active pending cases — Charts 1C and 5C, SF Court Criminal Dashboard (Last Updated 5/14/2026)



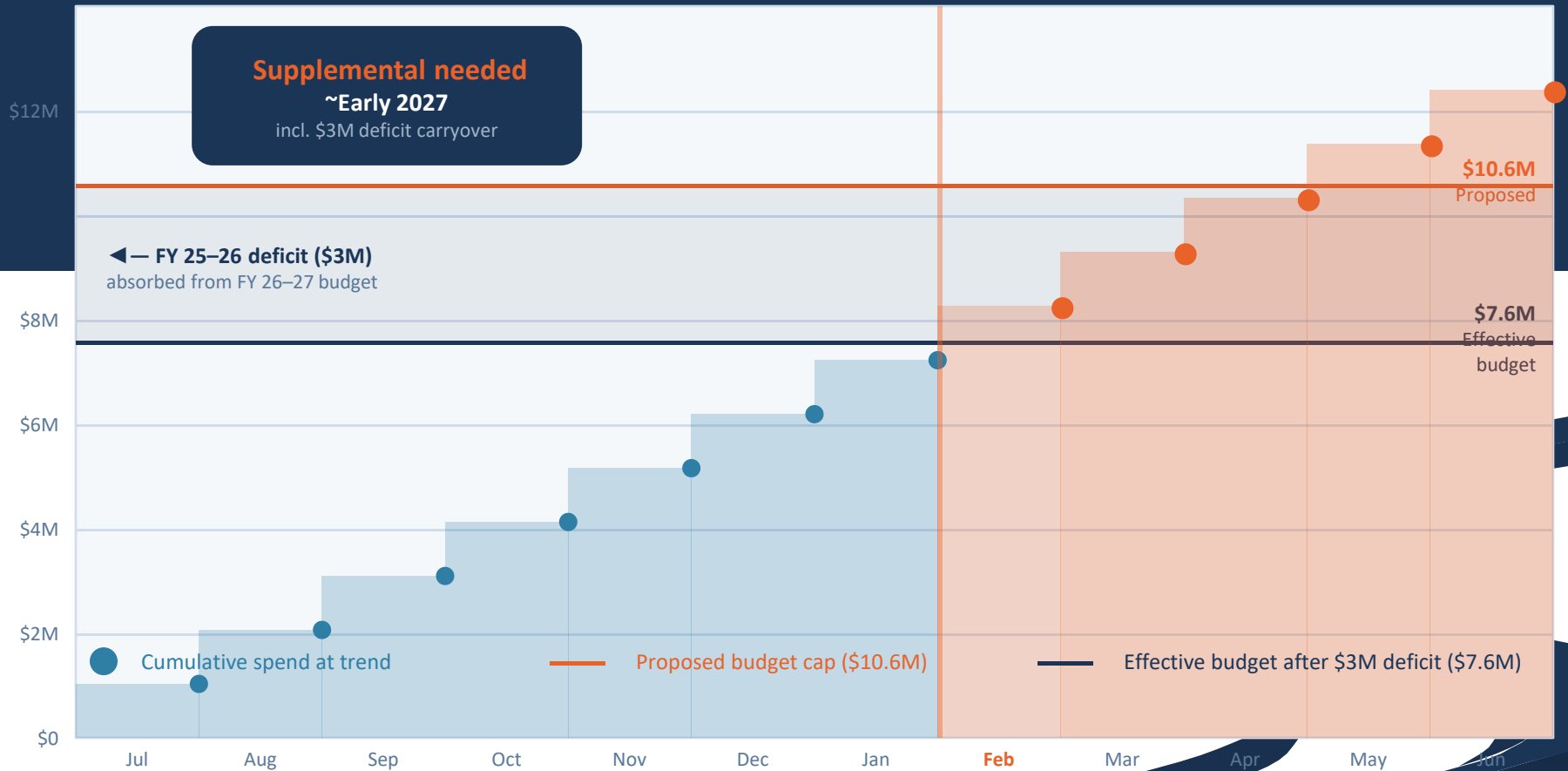
BASF CONFLICTS CASES: RAPID ESCALATION

Annual BASF cases estimated from Controller's Office Memo (Feb. 2026) — annualized from 6-month actuals



SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 2027 IF CASELOAD REMAINS AT ELEVATED LEVELS

Cumulative IDA spend vs. \$10.6M proposed budget — less \$3M FY 25–26 deficit carryover





THANK YOU

Any Questions?

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