

**SF Board of Supervisors
Budget and Finance
Committee, April 29, 2026**



**SAN FRANCISCO
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Greater than one.

*Presentation on Supplemental
Appropriation – Public Defender -
\$1,500,000 – FY 2025-2026.*

Mano Raju, SF Public Defender

Fiercely defend individuals, confront state sponsored violence, and advocate for community power.

**OUR
MISSION**

Love, Compassion,
Courage, Excellence.

**OUR
VALUES**

**OUR
THEORY OF CHANGE**

When we fiercely defend individuals, confront state sponsored violence, and advocate for community power, then our communities are better able to resist injustice and fight for self-determination and freedom.

**OUR
VISION**

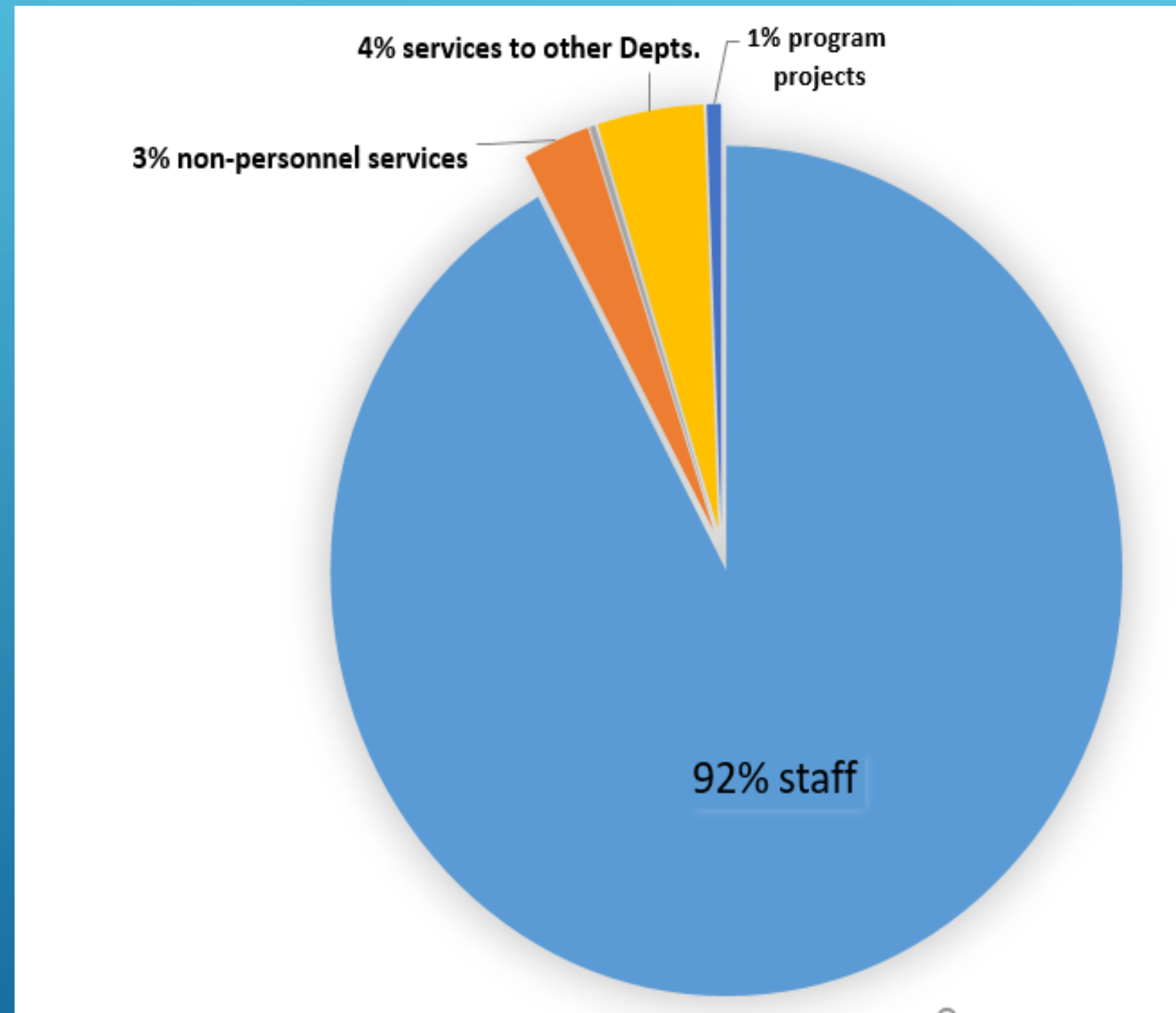
A world where collective humanity is cherished.



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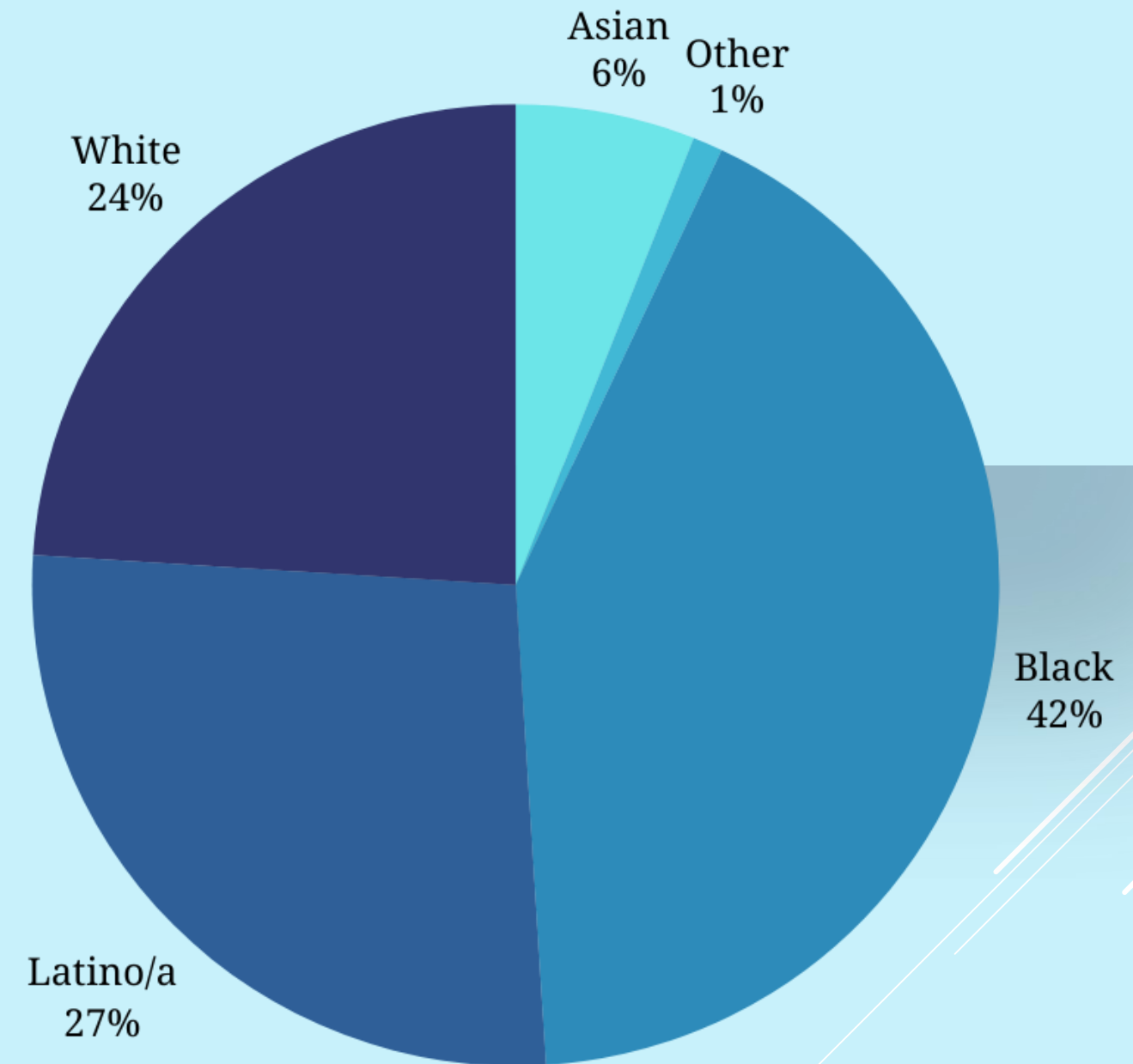
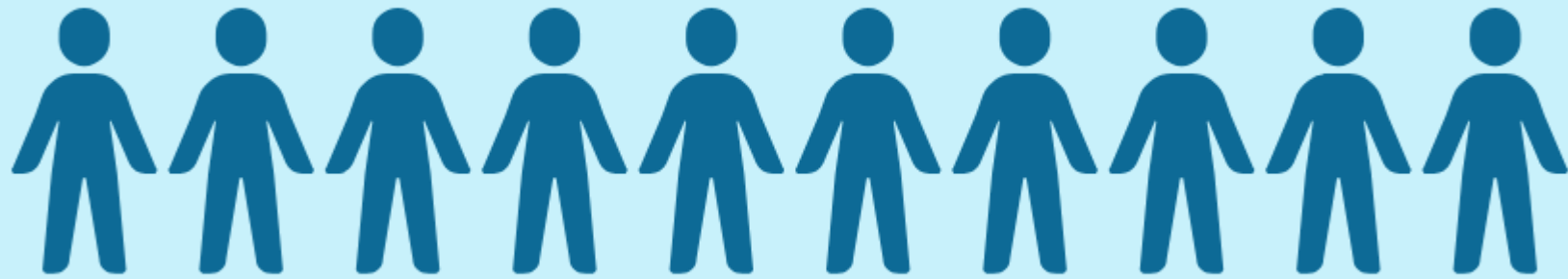
A Budget for Justice FY 25-26

Total Budget: \$57million



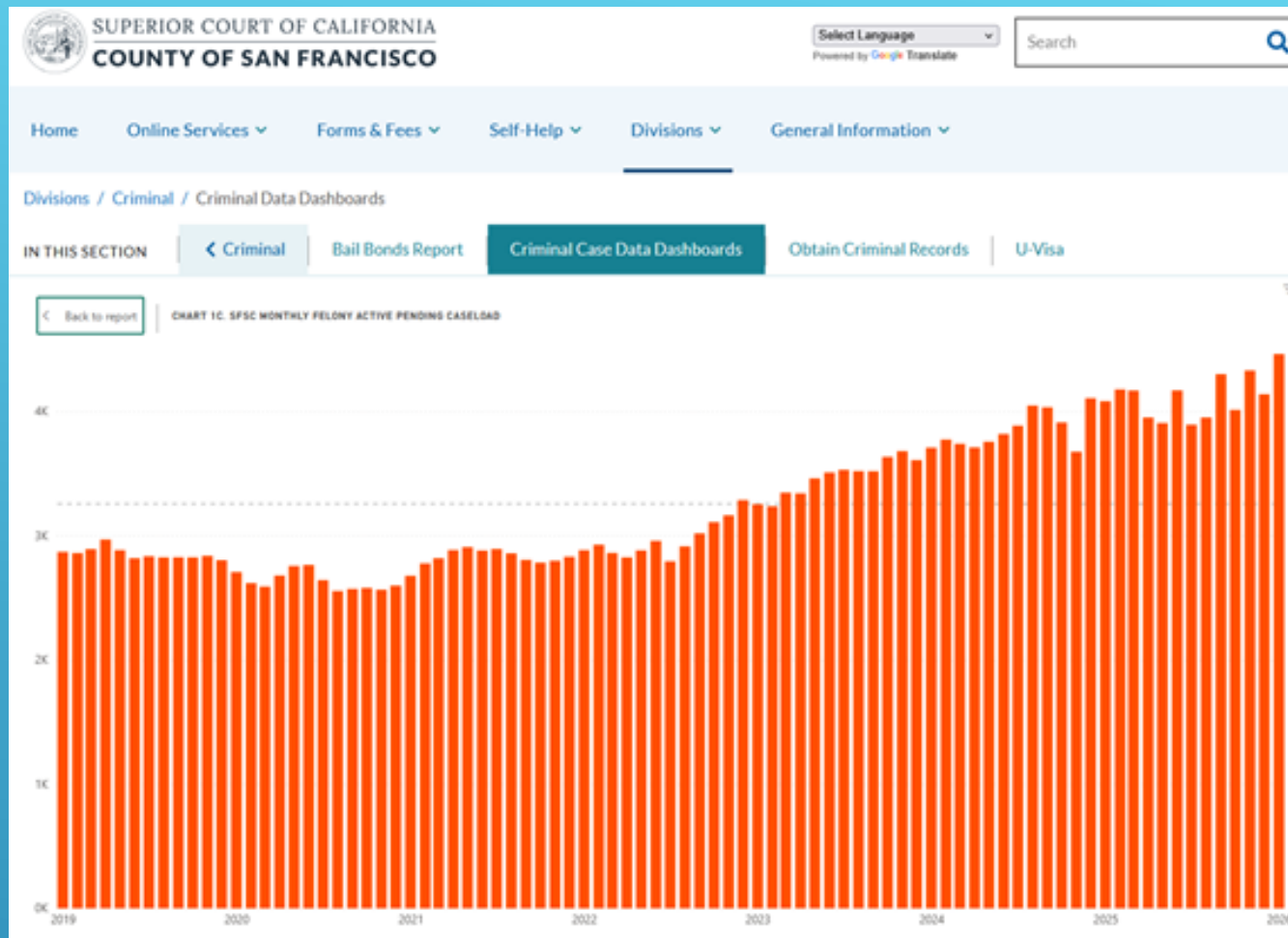
Our Clients


100% Low-Income

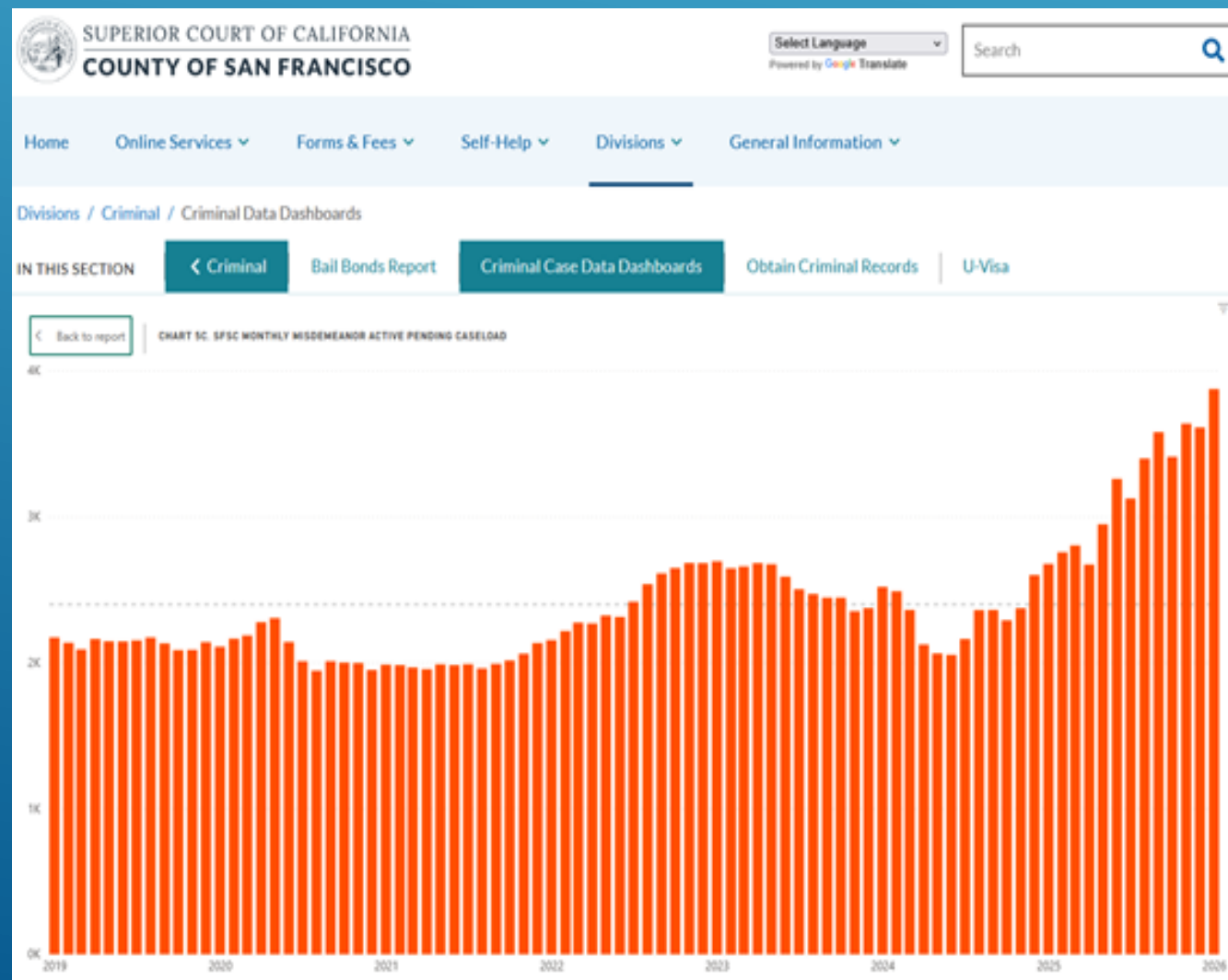


Workload Crisis

Active felony cases  56%
from 2019 to 2026.



Active misdemeanor cases  78% from 2019 to 2026.



FY25-26 Attorney Backfill Hires

Attorney Classification	Hiring Approval Date	Position Start Date
8177	10/8/2025	11/24/2025
8177	10/20/2025	1/20/2026
8177	10/20/2025	1/5/2026
8177	10/20/2025	1/5/2026
8177	12/5/2025	1/20/2026

Appropriation – General Reserve – Public Defender – \$1,500,000 – FY2025-2026.

- The workload crisis for public defenders means our dept cannot leave positions unfilled – this would risk further compounding the court crisis and the inability to meet our constitutional mandate.
- Due to this urgency, PDR works to quickly fill positions. This has led to a \$1,500,000 structural shortfall this current year.
- We are thankful to the Mayor for bringing forward this Appropriation to address this shortfall.



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Thank you!

Q&A

