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MEMORANDUM

PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Chair

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk

DATE: October 24, 2025

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 28, 20255

The following file should be presented as COMMITTEE REPORT at the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. This resolution was acted upon at the regular Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting on Thursday October 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

Item No. 30 File No. 251016

[Behested Payment Waiver - Technology for Operations and Public Safety Prevention and Intervention Initiatives]

Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and the District Attorney's Chief of Staff to solicit donations for prosecutorial operation and technology needs; and to support public safety prevention and intervention initiatives for six months, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Matt Dorsey - Aye

Supervisor Bilal Mahmood - Aye Supervisor Danny Sauter - Aye

cc: Board of Supervisors

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

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4	solicit donations for prosecutorial operation and technology needs; and to support
5	public safety prevention and intervention initiatives for six months, notwithstanding
6	the Behested Payment Ordinance.
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8	WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney's Office (SFDA) prioritizes public
9	safety by restoring accountability and appropriate consequences to the criminal justice
10	system; and
11	WHEREAS, The SFDA believes in responsible reforms, giving offenders the
12	opportunity to address the root causes of their criminal behavior and developing innovative
13	programs to serve as tools for rehabilitation; and
14	WHEREAS, The SFDA is committed to creating a safer, stronger San Francisco that
15	supports the crime victims, survivors, and their loved ones; and
16	WHEREAS, The SFDA is dedicated to reducing mass incarceration and recidivism,
17	while maintaining racial and class inequities in the criminal justice system; and
18	WHEREAS, The SFDA intends to improve prosecutorial operations by way of
19	improving technology and prosecution resources to ensure the highest standard of
20	prosecution practices are upheld by the office; and
21	WHEREAS, Technology upgrades and updates to the electronic records systems are
22	necessary for supporting prosecution deliverables; and
23	WHEREAS, Prosecution resources include access to legal databases, coverage of
24	litigation expenses (expert witnesses, transcription, translation, court records), logistical
25	support for SFDA staff; and

1	WHEREAS, Over the past few years, the SFDA's budget has unfunded operational
2	costs between \$2,000,000 to \$2,400,000 annually; and
3	WHEREAS, The SFDA will endeavor to raise approximately \$7,000,000 in third-party
4	philanthropic donations to cover three years of stable operations for this project; and
5	WHEREAS, The SFDA intends to improve public safety through continuing to develop
6	innovative prevention and intervention initiatives; and
7	WHEREAS, The SFDA spearheaded the "Access to Hope" Initiative (Initiative), which
8	is a non-prosecutorial prevention and intervention initiative designed to build trust and create
9	hope in those individuals and communities most deeply impacted by crime and violence to
10	prevent and deter crime cycles; and
11	WHEREAS, SFDA will endeavor to raise approximately \$9,000,000 in third-party
12	philanthropic donations for youth, women's, and re-entry programming strategies aimed to
13	prevent and intervene with criminal behavior; and
14	WHEREAS, The funding will support housing and diversion programming for women
15	impacted by crime; a vocational academy that includes housing to support re-entry; and
16	expansion of youth programming with cultural and educational immersion aimed at building
17	empathy among youth as a violence reduction strategy; and
18	WHEREAS, SFDA seeks to partner with numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations
19	private entities, grantmakers and foundations; and
20	WHEREAS, SFDA seeks a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance
21	(Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) to the extent it prohibits
22	solicitations of financial support for the Initiative from yet to be identified nonprofits, private
23	organizations, private individuals, grantmakers, and foundations who would qualify as
24	interested parties under the Behested Payments Ordinance; and

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1	WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
2	Supervisors donations to the City that were solicited under this waiver; such reports will
3	identify the donor, the amount of the donation, and the interested relationship the donor has
4	with the department that solicited the donation; the departments will submit the reports to the
5	Board within 60 days of the expiration of the six-month period authorized by this waiver; now,
6	therefore, be it
7	RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct
8	Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested Payment
9	Ordinance as to the District Attorney and the District Attorney's Chief of Staff for a period of
10	six months from the effective date of this Resolution to fundraising from nonprofits, private
11	organizations, private individuals, grantmakers, and foundations to support the Initiative; and,
12	be it
13	FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) serves the
14	public interest by bringing private funding for critical operational costs in the District Attorney's
15	Office and to fund a non-prosecutorial prevention and intervention initiative that will aid
16	individuals and communities most impacted by crime and violence; and, be it
17	FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver under Section 3.620(f) does not
18	create an appearance of impropriety.
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DATE: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

TO: Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Dorsey

Chairperson

RE: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, as a Committee Report:

(File 251016) Behested Payment Waiver - Technology for Operations and Public Safety Prevention and Intervention Initiatives

Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and the District Attorney's Chief of Staff to solicit donations for prosecutorial operation and technology needs; and to support public safety prevention and intervention initiatives for six months, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

This matter will be heard in the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on Thursday, October 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

SFDA Resolution request

October 2025

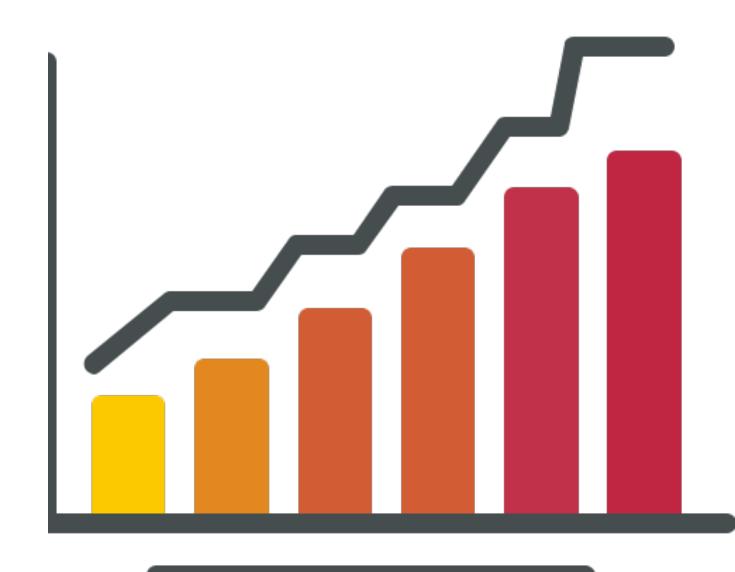


Public Safety: The golden thread



The Situation

- SFDA underfunded operations by 2M to 2.4M annually for past three years
- 2025 YTD, >7800 pending cases!
- 17K Victims served by VSD during 2024 to present.

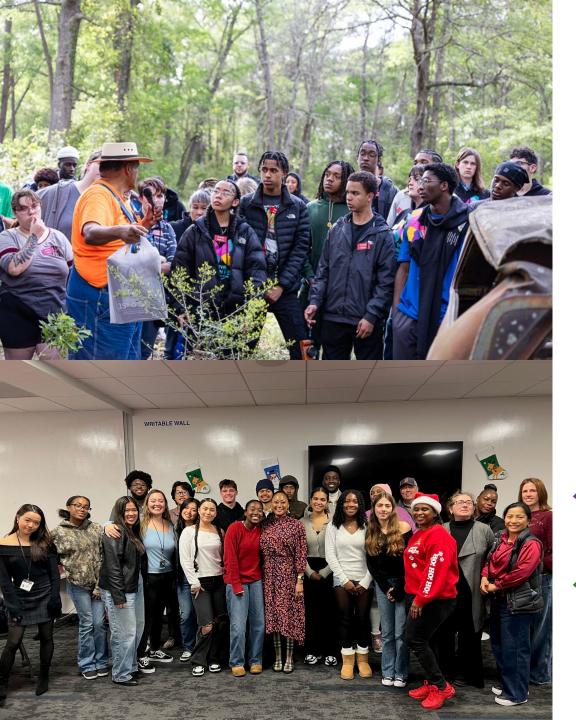




IMPROVED EFFICIENCY MAKES UP FOR STAGNANT STAFFING.

Upgraded prosecutorial tools & operations

- E-prosecutor upgrades and annual maintenance.
- Everlaw; complex document management tool.
- Electronic subpoena project.
- Digital Evidence Management system.
- Closure- secure litigation document search tool.
- Various operation costs (litigation expenses, online legal tools, Bar dues, Shuttle services)



PROSECUTION OFFICES NEED TO REFORM HOW WE INTERACT WITH COMMUNITY TO BUILD TRUST & FOSTER HOPE.

Prevention and Intervention

- Youth & Young Adult Service Unit
 - Immersive <u>cultural studies program</u>



- Fellowship/mentorship programs
- Keepin' it Safe children's community event



Women

- Acute housing and emotional support post a traumatic event
- Women's diversion programming



• Re-entry

- Housing and vocational Academy
- San Quentin & Chowchilla partnerships



Steps for transparency

- Follow the city's recommendation of reporting "in-kind" donations.
- Comply with state reporting.
- Keep clear track of funds raised and to which programs they have been costed.

Thank you!



Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..." 4. 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): □ No ☐ Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Supervisor Melgar Subject: Behested Payment Waiver - Technology for Operations and Public Safety Prevention and Intervention Initiatives Long Title or text listed: Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and the District Attorney's Chief of Staff to solicit donations for prosecutorial operation and technology needs; and to support public safety prevention and intervention initiatives for six months, effective upon effective date of this Resolution, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/Myrna Melgar