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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, 2025

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

File No. 251016

Committee Item No. 1

Board Item No. 30

## COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Committee: Public Safety and Ngbh Services

Date: October 23, 2025

Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Date: October 28, 2025

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Prepared by: Monique Crayton

Date: October 24, 2025

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Date: October 16, 2025

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Date:

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

3 **Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and the District Attorney's Chief of Staff to**  
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.

City and County  
of San Francisco



Member, District 6,  
Board of Supervisors

**MATT DORSEY**  
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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

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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.

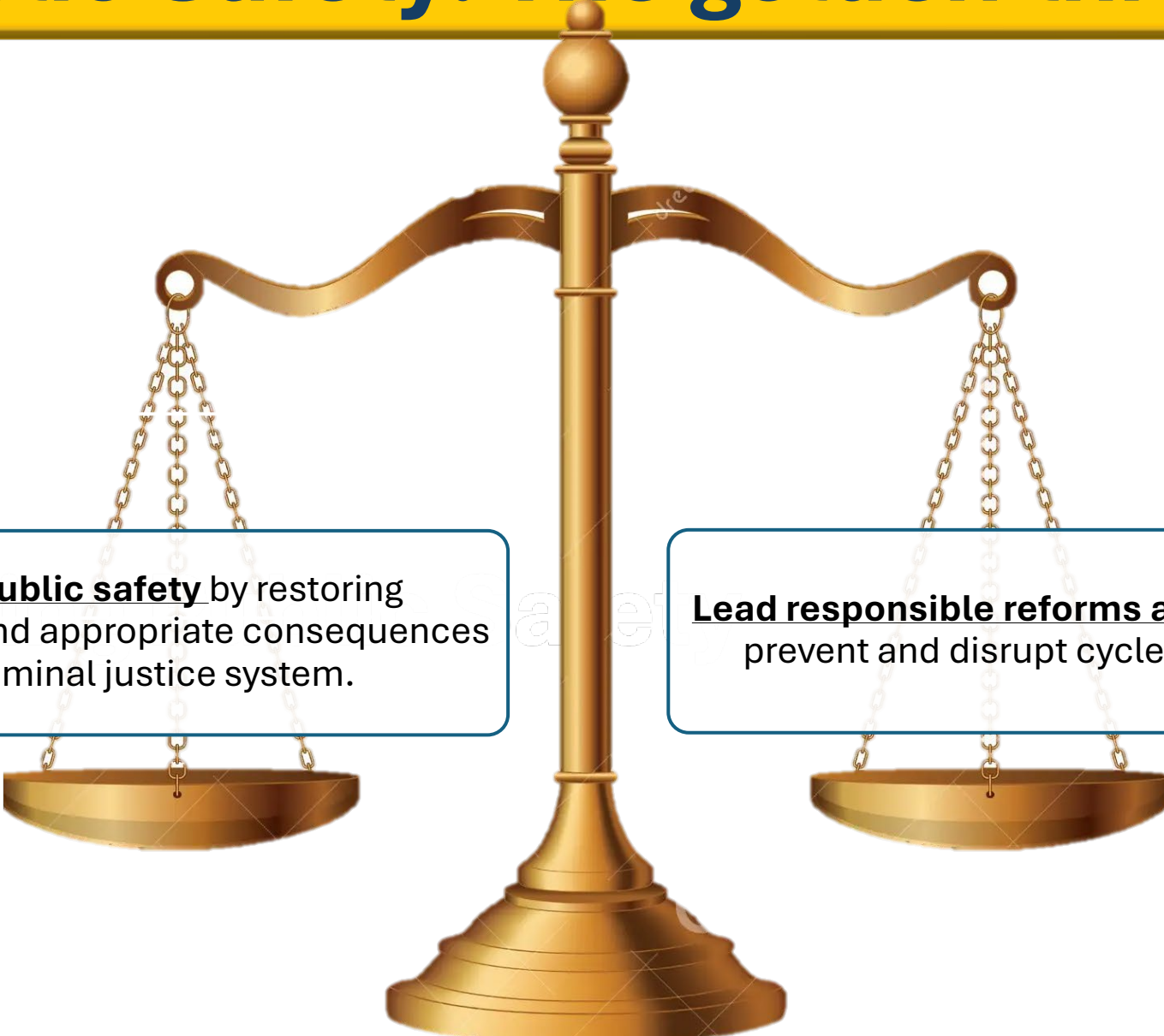
This matter will be heard in the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on Thursday, October 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

# SFDA Resolution request

October 2025



# Public Safety: The golden thread

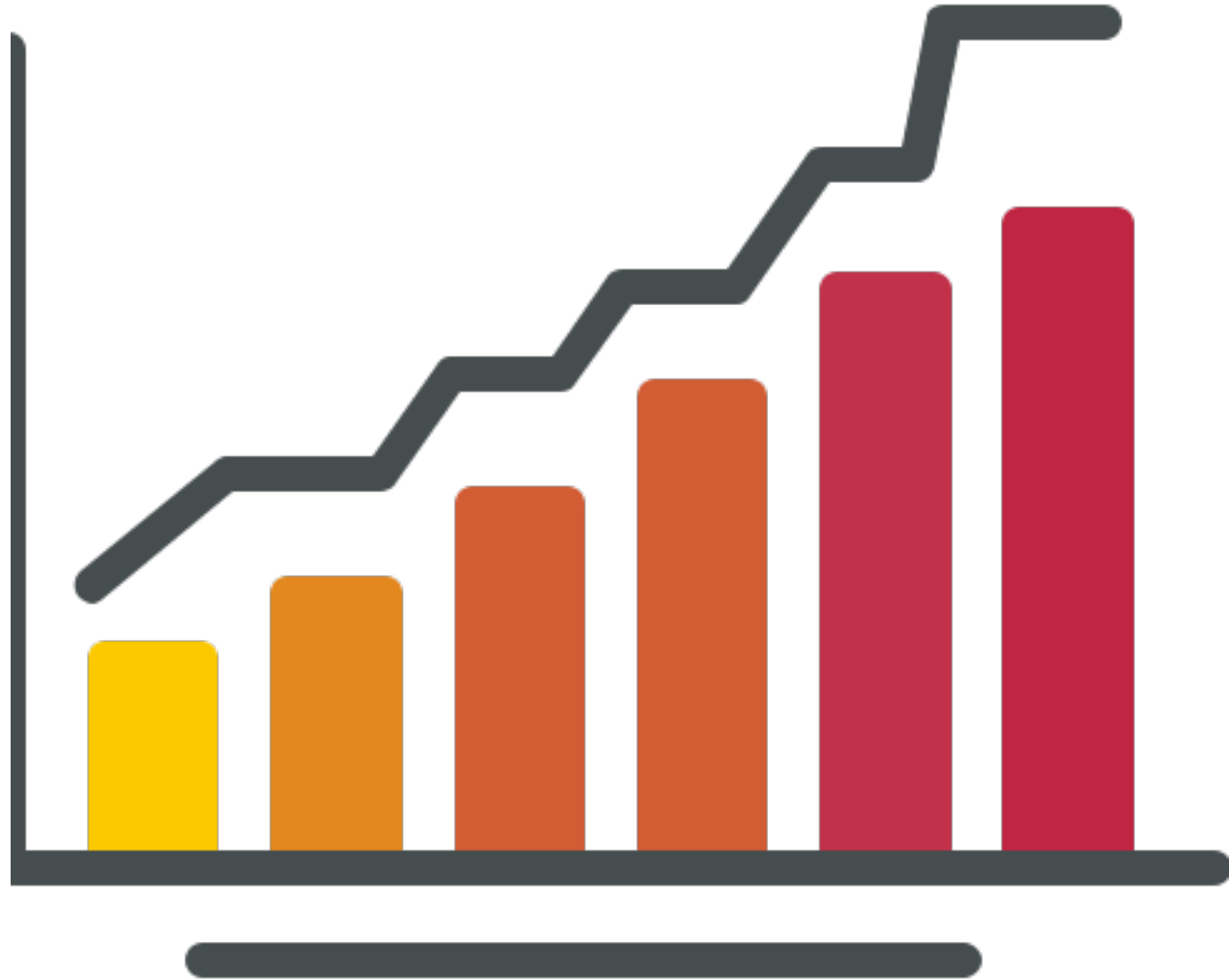


**Prioritize public safety** by restoring accountability and appropriate consequences to the criminal justice system.

**Lead responsible reforms and programs** to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence.

## 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 [cultural studies program](#)  [Click to learn more!](#)
- 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)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor [ ] inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. [ ]
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on [ ]

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):

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No

(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