

SF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE JUVENILE HALL WORKING GROUP COMMUNITY MEETING

SF Public Defender's Office Updates
Patricia Lee, Chief of Defense and Advocacy

What Do We Do?

- The Youth Defender Unit provides legal representation and social work advocacy to youth on diversion, probation, and in extended foster care (per AB 12)
- 330 youth served currently
- 400 youth projected to be served in 2023




Where Do We Serve Our Community?

- Youth Defender Unit
 - 375 Woodside Ave. Rm. 118
- B'MAGIC Program
 - 1275 Fairfax Ave. St. 201, 94124
- Mo'MAGIC Program
 - 1050 MacAllister, 94115

How Do We Allocate Our Budget And Staff?

- **\$3,785,162** (9% of total budget) allocated to serve youth on probation through the Youth Defender Unit and B'MAGIC/Mo'MAGIC programs
- Total number of staff allocated to 375 Woodside
 - Youth Defender Unit: **14 staff members**
 - MAGIC Programs: **6 staff members**
- Total budget for subcontracts, lists, and amounts awarded:
 - 3rd Street Youth Clinic and Clinic Food Security - **\$72,250**
 - Park and Recreation Program - **\$131,200**
 - Contigo-Bayview Co-op Food Security - **\$19,500**
- One social worker vacancy



What Do You Think About The Wellness Advocate?

- Proven model of holistic advocacy
- Social workers part of the legal team
- Well-being of youth and families
- Supports successful outcomes
- Public Defender Mano Raju welcomes the Wellness Advocate concept and willing to support, endorse, and lead through MAGIC programs

What Do You Think About Family-Based Services?

- CJHWG value is to support youth *remaining at home with their families*
- Programs in the community
- Advocates with *lived experience* who are *culturally* and *linguistically competent*
- Flexible funding sources

What Comment Do You Have On Shared Leadership?

- Listening sessions – CBOs *should not* be at the beck and call of JPD
- Work with youth during their waking hours at juvenile hall
- *Equal funding and investment* for CBOs to have parity and resources for advocates to ensure quality and sustainability