

Budget & Appropriations Committee

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Court Executive Officer

Civil Grand Jury

- County function managed by the Court
- Staff the needs of the jury
- Fiscal agent for jury's expenses
- Budget: \$250K



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Indigent Defense Administration (IDA)

- The 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
- Guaranteed right
 - U.S. Constitution, Amendment VI
 - California Penal Code, Section 987
- FY25-26 Budget: \$10.05 million



Year Over Year Comparison

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
Grand Jury	\$ 250,962	\$ 250,962	\$ 250,962
Indigent Defense	\$ 9,548,685	\$ 9,797,249	\$ 9,797,249
Total	\$ 9,624,647	\$ 10,048,211	\$10,048,211
<i>Variance</i>		<i>\$248,564</i>	

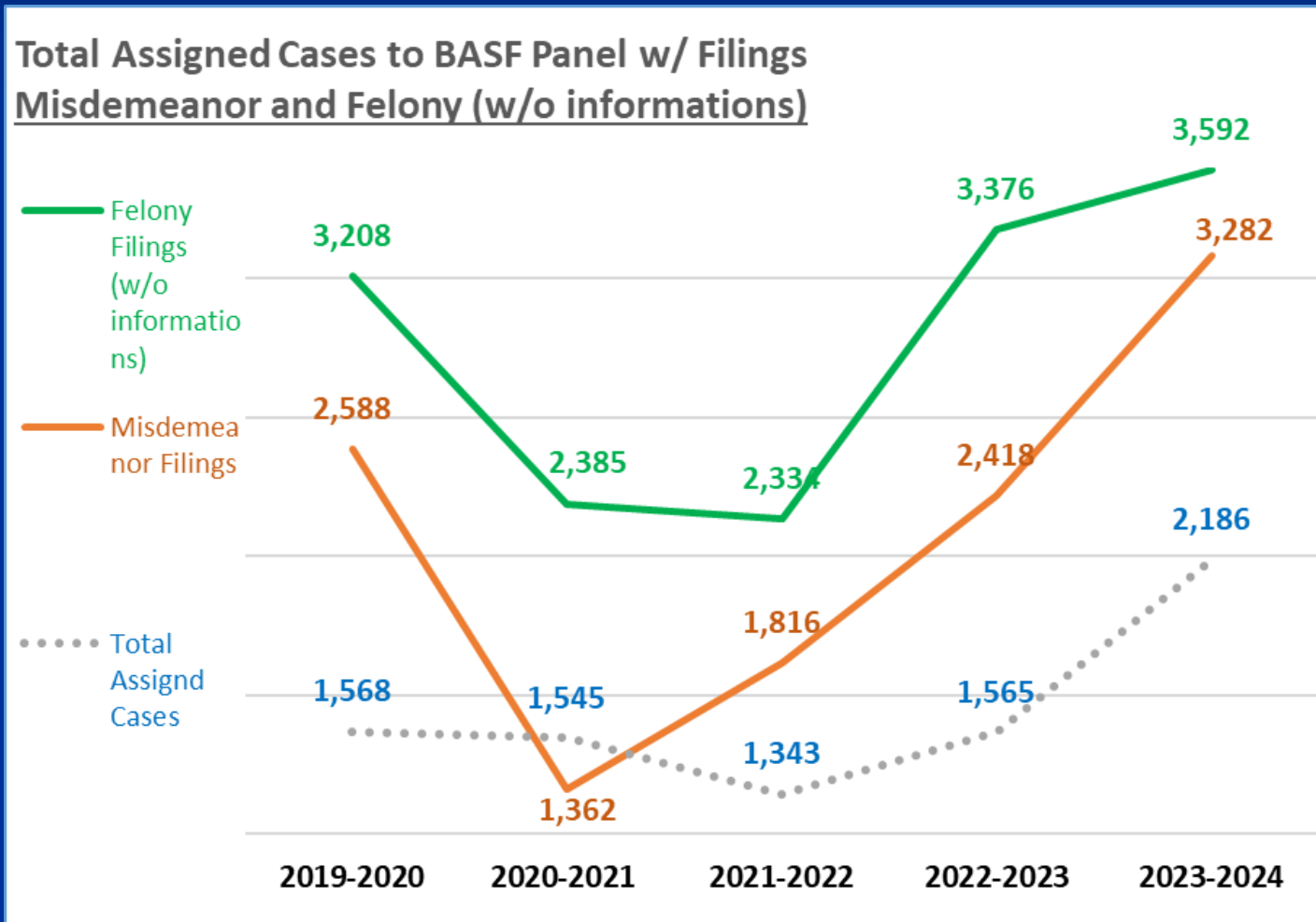
- A CPI adjustment of almost \$250K was provided to indigent defense program.
- Beginning May 2025, about 25% of new criminal cases have been referred to "conflicts panel" due to Public Defender's unavailability.



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BASF'S IDA program represents 25% of criminal cases due to conflict of interest with the Public Defender and 85% of these cases are felonies.



Future Cost Impact

- Conflicts cases referred to the Bar have doubled since May 2025
 - City's 5-year monthly average = 430 cases
 - Bar's 5-year monthly average = 134 cases
- If PD unavailability continues, indigent defense costs will rise and exceed the 25/26 budget allocation (i.e., one-time supplemental request.)
- Cost factors are end date of PD unavailability + total new criminal cases



Thank You

Any Questions?