



May 2, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Budget and Appropriations Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for The Full Funding for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office

Dear Honorable Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of the Hotel Council of San Francisco (HCSF), I strongly urge full funding for the San Francisco District Attorney's (SFDA) office in the upcoming fiscal year. This investment is paramount to the city's goal of enhancing public safety across all neighborhoods, a top priority for our shared prosperity. As a former prosecutor, I can attest that the District Attorney's office plays the final—and often most overlooked—role in the justice system. Without effective prosecution, accountability is lost and repeat offenders go unchecked. Under current leadership, increased prosecutions have helped reduce crime and foster safer streets—an essential foundation for the well-being of our city's residents, workers, and visitors.

Safe and secure neighborhoods are essential for a thriving hospitality and tourism industry. The downtown core depends on this safety to sustain an economy that generates critical tax revenue benefiting all residents. The SFDA's work to prosecute crimes directly supports the city's mission, fostering an environment where tourism and local businesses thrive. The strategic advancements under District Attorney Brooke Jenkins have driven measurable public safety gains. Her leadership and balanced approach have led to smarter, more effective prosecution strategies, contributing to a positive shift in our city's safety landscape.

Moreover, the SFDA's Chief Financial Officer, Eugene Clendinen, exemplifies fiscal responsibility. Having worked with him firsthand, I can attest that his prudent management ensures city funds are used efficiently, primarily to support staffing for prosecution efforts.

We recognize the city's challenging budget landscape. However, full SFDA funding is critical to maintain justice and security for all who live, work, and visit San Francisco. HCSF respectfully calls on the Committee to prioritize this investment, ensuring San Francisco remains a safe, vibrant destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Bastian".

Alex Bastian

President & CEO

Hotel Council of San Francisco

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May 5, 2025

City & County of San Francisco
Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
Budget & Appropriations Committee – Room 250

Via: Email to Clerk Brent Jalipa (brent.jalipa@sfgov.org)

Item No. 250131 District Attorney's Staffing Levels

Dear Committee Members,

Never in my sixty-four (64) years of living would I have imagined that the District Attorney's office would be considered for budget cuts. I am a resident of the Tenderloin and a fifth generational San Franciscan and today I have the pleasure of addressing this Committee in an attempt to be heard in the hopes of reminding everyone that we still have much left to do in terms of law enforcement which should be on the minds of everyone every day. *How do we make our city safe when the gladly support the ever-increasing police department overtime (which more than doubled from the previous two (2) years) but seek to cut the budget of the Chief Law Enforcement officer in San Francisco?* The previous District Attorney was recalled for a lack of prosecution and the current District Attorney is doing exactly what we wanted to see and not only are the prosecution numbers up by for the first time in a long time, but we can also see a difference on the streets. Each of you is involved in dialogue within your respective districts to continue the improvements being seen. Cutting the budget of the District Attorney's office has serious and significant repercussions and will (without doubt) cause a ripple effect within a city that is seeking to recover not simply from Covid but the empty coffees which we usually have from tourism.

From the moment of arrest, there is a clock ticking and counting down and unless someone waives time, that clock does not care if there is one (1) tourist or one hundred thousand (100,000) tourists in our city. Reviewing courts are not concerned that we are nearly broke they want to know if the rules were followed. The Public Defender or even our Judges don't check to see if the District Attorney's office is over budget or does not have the funds to prosecute a case. Sure, it would be nice to see less crime and leaner times but right now that is not practical. I have witnessed (firsthand) how creative the Public Defender has become in defending those charged with drug sales and the 'expert witnesses' being utilized by that office. Defendants have rights and I get that. As a citizen, I too have rights and the first order of business in any government should be the safety of its citizens.

Cutting the budget of the District Attorney is tantamount to telling your constituents that you don't care about their safety and that we can't afford to keep us safe! We have some very good ideas coming from various sources on how to make improvements in the hopes we bring back the visitors to our city. We saw a decrease in revenues when we lost the AMA and their annual conference because nobody believed they would actually walk. Well, they did and now Las Vegas is seeing revenue we did not have to lose. We knew it was the wrong decision but we did it anyway and look at where we are today. What are we doing to keep merchants like CVS and Walgreens from abandoning our city? I'm not going to purchase products from Amazon because it does not solve our long-term problems. If we don't remember the past – we are destined to repeat it.

The leanest operation here in San Francisco is the District Attorney's office. They compete for quality staff like the police department, and we are down on those numbers (still). I challenge this committee to find the reason we are hemorrhaging exceedingly increasing overtime within the police department. I will not mention or even remind each of you that there was supposed to be an investigation into theft/misuse of police department funds by Kyra Worthy (and a non-profit organization) who thought it was okay to leave employees without unemployment benefits or a final paycheck. My sister was a victim of that fiasco!

It is my considered opinion that if the funding to the District Attorney's office is cut (regardless to the amount) you will be turning back the hands of time in San Francisco by several years. The difference will be recognized immediately but this time I don't see any possible chance of taxpayer support moving forward and while I will not speak for anyone other than myself, I will not hang around to see the effects when the _hit hits the fan. I will take my retirement package and leave San Francisco. No doubts in my mind. I love my city, but I am not willing to die because of careless mistakes caused by politicians and politics!

I will end this letter by reminding each of you of the following: *“Local governments have a significant responsibility to their citizens to provide public safety. This includes maintaining law enforcement, providing emergency services, and implementing safety programs. Local governments also play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of their communities by maintaining public spaces, enforcing building codes and promoting public health initiatives.”* In essence, local governments are accountable to their citizens for providing a safe and secure environment where people can live, work and enjoy their daily lives.

The above appears as a matter of record for your further discussion and disposition on the referenced subject matter. The author of this document does not endorse, nor does he support any cut whatsoever to the budget of the Office of the District Attorney for the County of San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

GREGG JOHNSON, Retiree
Resident of the Tenderloin Neighborhood
City & County of San Francisco

05/05/2025

Date

Cc: Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco

Budget and Appropriations Committee
Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

May 6, 2025

Dear Budget and Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of the hospitality community in San Francisco, the Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA), The San Francisco Hotel Council, SF Travel, The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and The Union Square Alliance, we are writing to ask for your support to ensure that the District Attorney's office remains fully funded.

The District Attorney's office is a critical part of the public safety apparatus in the City. Public safety is a key driver in how our residents, business travelers and tourists feel about visiting San Francisco. The office requires the necessary resources to bring accountability and justice to those impacted by crime. The work the office does and the convictions the office makes make San Franciscans feel safer every day. This also has helped to create a national media narrative that the city is now safer, something crucial to encourage visitors and locals alike to engage in the activities that we need to continue to revitalize our city: attending events and conferences, dining at restaurants, returning to offices, and more.

Although we recognize the challenging days ahead for the City's budget, we are concerned that reductions could significantly set back the public safety gains we have made as a city.

Respectfully,



From: [Sarah Hodgson](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's 19.8M expansion request file# 250131
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:21:49 AM

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To the members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

My name is Sarah Hodgson. I am a resident of San Francisco (District 6) and am writing to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

The city is in a budget crisis and programs that serve our most vulnerable neighbors are facing cuts. While eviction prevention and domestic violence services are being cut, the DA is asking for more money with no demonstrated return on safety or equity.

The DA is misusing important reforms like Prop 36 and the Racial Justice Act to justify this expansion. Follow the lead of other counties who are implementing these reforms without multimillion-dollar budget increases. San Francisco cannot afford this.

We need balanced justice. The Public Defender's office budget is 60% the size of the DA's budget, placing due process at risk. Community-based alternatives like pretrial diversion, treatment, and restorative justice remain underfunded.

I urge you to support our communities by prioritizing public safety over punishment.

Thank you,
Sarah Hodgson

From: [Todd](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File Number 250131
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:58:19 PM

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Hi Brent,

I **strongly oppose** the request by District Attorney Jenkins for increased funding for her office! I demand to see justification for how arresting 25% more San Franciscans will somehow lead to increased safety.

The D.A. is using Prop 36 and the Racial Justice Act as excuses to ask for more funding for an already well funded office. By comparison, the Public Defender's office budget is only 60% of the District Attorney's office which speaks to skewed priorities in implementing justice in San Francisco. The main threat to implementing due process in S.F. lies in the underfunding of the Public Defender's office. The D.A. is using the Racial Justice Act to demand more funding but other D.A.'s offices around the state have been able to figure out how to implement race blind charging without the millions of dollars of funding increases that D.A. Jenkins is requesting. Prop 36 gives DA's discretion as to whether to charge offenses as felonies, which further strains the very overcrowded SF County jail system as well as the court system. The DA's office could be prioritizing public safety through treatment and service options which are available. Instead of seeking additional funding, D.A. Jenkins needs to shift her across the board commitment to overcharging and the inflated resources that requires.

Thank you,
Todd Snyder
1941 Turk street
San Francisco, CA 94115

From: [Mary Scheib](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SFBOS, budget and appropriation committee: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:54:43 PM

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Dear SFBOS budget and appropriation committee members,

As a district 8 constituent and voter, I am writing to ask you to oppose the district attorney's massive increase in funding of almost \$20 million.

This is happening as our city is working to resolve a huge budget shortfall. Arrests and imprisonment first is not a sustainable or just safety policy. As far as we can tell, there's no evidence that this spending will actually increase safety.

We need an approach to safety that is balanced and built from strengthening and caring for individuals within our communities. Giving offenders the opportunities for treatment, diversion before trial and restorative justice, as well as adequately funding our public defender would be first steps in this kind of balanced approach.

San Francisco can follow other communities who are implementing Proposition 36 and the Racial Justice Act without huge increases in spending.

San Francisco is already a safe city. It is up to our leaders to make it known to the public the state of current safety so that we can build trust together to create the kind of just, equitable community that we want to see.

Sincerely,

Mary Scheib

970 Duncan St., #106

San Francisco, CA 94131

District 8

When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy.
Jalaluddin Rumi

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May 7, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Budget and Appropriations Committee
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl #244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Opposition to the District Attorney's \$19.8 Million Pro-Jail Budget Request

Dear Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

I write on behalf of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area to express our strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding. At a time when our city faces a historic budget crisis, with critical programs for housing, domestic violence prevention, and public health on the chopping block, the city must exercise fiscal responsibility instead of funding unchecked carceral expansion.

The DA's request is based on speculative arrest projections, anticipating a 25% increase in arrests, rather than clear public safety outcomes. Meanwhile, the Public Defender's Office continues to operate with only 60% of the DA's budget, undermining due process and fairness in our legal system. Community-based alternatives that *actually* promote safety such as pretrial diversion, treatment programs, and restorative justice remain woefully underfunded and underutilized. This imbalance reveals a troubling prioritization of punishment over prevention.

The DA's office has attempted to justify this expansion by misusing Race Blind Charging and the Racial Justice Act (RJA). Yet other counties have successfully implemented these policies without multimillion-dollar budget increases. The real issue is not a lack of resources, but a refusal to shift away from overcharging, excessive incarceration, and reliance on inflated tech contracts. Prop 36, for example, gives the DA discretion to charge offenses as felonies—a practice that exacerbates overcrowding in our jails and strains the court system. Rather than

seeking more funding, the DA should be prioritizing treatment and services that address root causes of harm.

People of color are disproportionately ensnared within the criminal legal system. In San Francisco, the per capita incarceration rate of Black people is over seventeen times that of white people.¹ The city has a history of vast disparities in arrest, incarceration, and conviction rates of Black residents.² Remedying racial disparities requires better funding of the Public Defender's office, whose clients are overwhelmingly people of color, and investment in community-based networks of care, not reviving failed tough-on-crime approaches.

San Francisco must embrace fiscal responsibility and equity in this moment of crisis. We urge you to:

- Reject the DA's \$19.8 million request, which would deepen our reliance on failed carceral approaches.
- Demand transparency and outcomes tracking from the DA's office to ensure existing funds are used effectively.
- Redirect resources to programs that stabilize our communities such as affordable housing, mental health services, and violence prevention rather than punishing them.

This is a pivotal moment to demand **balanced justice**, not unchecked carceral growth. The Board must stand with San Franciscans who believe in a safer, more equitable future that invests in people, not prisons.

¹ See John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge (last updated March 13, 2025), <https://safetyandjusticechallenge.org/our-network/city-county-san-francisco-ca/#:%7E:text=In%20San%20Francisco%2C%20over%2075,while%20awaiting%20referral%20to%20treatment.>

² See Emily Owens, et. al., Examining Racial Disparities in Criminal Case Outcomes among Indigent Defendants in San Francisco (May 2017), <https://sfpublicdefender.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/06/quattronefullreport.pdf>; Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, San Francisco's Disproportionate Arrest of African American Women Persists (April 2015), https://www.cjcj.org/media/import/documents/disproportionate_arrests_in_san_francisco.pdf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CD' followed by a horizontal line.

Chloë Dominique Smith

Munger, Tolles & Olson Legal Fellow

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

csmith@lccrsf.org

From: [Leslie Mullin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M expansion request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:16:30 AM

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Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Leslie Mullin, and I am writing as a resident of San Francisco District 1 to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

At a time when our city faces a massive budget crisis—and programs that serve our most vulnerable residents are facing cuts—it is unconscionable to approve such a dramatic expansion of a carceral institution. The DA's request is based on speculative arrest data and is not grounded in any clear public safety outcomes.

The Public Defender's Office continues to operate with only 60% of the DA's budget, placing due process in jeopardy. Meanwhile, community-based alternatives like pretrial diversion, treatment, and restorative justice remain underfunded.

The DA is misusing important reforms like Prop 36 and the Racial Justice Act to justify this expansion. But other counties have figured out how to implement these reforms without multimillion-dollar budget increases. What's needed is a change in approach—not more tech, staff, or unchecked power.

I urge you to embrace fiscal responsibility and equity as, require transparency and outcomes tracking of our city departments, and instead invest in programs that stabilize and support our communities—not punish them.

Sincerely,

Leslie Mullin

6626 Fulton St

SF 94121

From: [Dawn Kwan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:40:46 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Dawn Kwan, and I am writing as a resident of San Francisco to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

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Dawn

From: [Frank Noto](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: We support the DA's proposed budget
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:19:41 PM

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Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of Stop Crime Action, we urge you to support the DA's proposed budget. San Francisco has dramatically reduced crime over the last 18 months, and we need to continue our good work and not go backward.

The DA's office has played a critical role in the reduction in crime rates in our city, which benefits our residents as well as our business community and workers. By investing in effective prosecution, we assist San Francisco's economic recovery and thus generate additional tax revenue necessary to pay for other essential local government services.

Planning for additional staffing in light of the passage of Proposition 36 is particularly important. Staffing is also key to avoiding prolonged delays which are agonizing for victims and their families.

Now is not the time to end our progress. We cannot afford to fire prosecutors by cutting the DA's staffing. Let's march forward on public safety, not backwards.

Frank Noto
Stop Crime Action

From: [Kent Lindstrom](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please do not cut Any DA Office Members or Police
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:05:11 PM

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Please note:

- District Attorney Brooke Jenkins' Office has played a critical role in reducing crime to a 20 year low. (The homicide rate last year was the lowest since the 1960s!) Crime dropped 28% last year because prosecutors are doing their jobs.
- Now is not the time to end our progress. We cannot afford to fire prosecutors by cutting the DA's staffing. Let's not march backwards on public safety.
- By investing in effective prosecution, we assist in our economic recovery and thus generate additional tax revenue necessary to pay for other essential local government services.
- "Justice delayed is justice denied," and it is not fair to delay cases, prolonging the agony for victims and their families

- Kent Lindstrom (Mission District)

From: [Arnold Cohn](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE DA
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:08:12 PM

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Members:

OPPOSE plans to reduce DA Office funding, which could force the firing of prosecutors necessary to protect us against crime:

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Sincerely,

Arnold Cohn

From: [Robert Mansfield](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: District Attorney Budget
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:13:27 PM

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I strongly urge you to oppose reducing the budget for the DA's office. DA Jenkins and her staff have done a great job in making San Francisco safer and they need to continue in that work, not be thwarted by reduced effort.

Robert Mansfield
2 Townsend Street
San Francisco CA 94107

From: [kristen fenech](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [SherrillStaff](#)
Subject: Funding DA
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:19:55 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please do not cut any funding for the DA's office - I'm a 38 year resident, a nurse here in SF, endured the last 5 terrible years for this city, and have had some hope restored in the last year that the city is serious about keeping citizens safe and attempting to tackle the crime and drug disaster in earnest. Safety is the most importantly issue for residents...this should be obvious by now!

Please find other nonessential Programs to cut. The citizens who are left paying taxes deserve the basics including a staffed DA's office.

Thanks
Kristen Fenech
1200 Gough

From: [John Grauel](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: DA Funding
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:27:50 PM

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Hello Supervisors,

I ask you to support the District Attorney and provide more funds to her office.

Thanks.

J

John Grauel
john@carbonrose.com
650-678-8040

From: danolley@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please restore funding for the DA's office
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:48:35 PM

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District Attorney Brooke Jenkins' Office has played a critical role in reducing crime to a 20 year low. (The homicide rate last year was the lowest since the 1960s!) Crime dropped 28% last year because prosecutors are doing their jobs.

- Now is not the time to end our progress. We cannot afford to fire prosecutors by cutting the DA's staffing. Let's not march backwards on public safety.
- By investing in effective prosecution, we assist in our economic recovery and thus generate additional tax revenue necessary to pay for other essential local government services.
- "Justice delayed is justice denied," and it is not fair to delay cases, prolonging the agony for victims and their families.

Thank you in advance, David Nolley and Nancy Zajac since 1984, District 4

From: [Karim](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Restore funding for the DA
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:09:07 PM

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Hello,

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Please restore funding for the DA!

Thank you

Karim ElKatca
SF resident and property owner

From: [matt ball](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Do NOT reduce funding!
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:37:23 PM

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DO NOT reduce funding to the DA's office!

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Matt Ball
San Francisco District 5

From: [Tami Epstein](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Funding for the DA's office
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:23:56 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a voting SF resident. I ask you to do what myself and the majority of SF voters asked for when we recalled Chesa Boudin and most recently when we voted for a new Mayor. We showed up and showed out for candidates who put fixing the growing crime problem in this city first on their agenda. Therefore, it is imperative that you listen to the voters and restore funding to DA Jenkins office.

Respectfully,

Tami Epstein

From: [Deena Abramson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:34:41 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Deena Abramson, a long-time San Francisco resident and licensed clinical social worker. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

At a time when our city faces a massive budget crisis—and programs that serve our most vulnerable residents are facing cuts—it is unconscionable to approve such a dramatic expansion of a carceral institution. The DA's request is based on speculative arrest data and is not grounded in any clear public safety outcomes.

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I urge you to embrace fiscal responsibility and equity as, require transparency and outcomes tracking of our city departments, and instead invest in programs that stabilize and support our communities—not punish them.

Thank you,
Deena Abramson

From: [ALICE XAVER](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Restore funding for the DA
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:01:00 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

DA Brooke Jenkins has done an excellent job. We finally have someone who is prosecuting criminals. Crime has gone down!

We oppose plans to reduce the District Attorney's office funding. Without sufficient prosecutors, the criminals walk free.

Sincerely,
Alice K Chris Xavier
D7

From: [rpl](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: DA Office Funding
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:18:44 PM

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DO NOT reduce DA Office funding, which could force the firing of prosecutors necessary to protect us against crime. SF desperately needs law and order!

Raj Lathigara
District 6 Resident and Small Business Owner

From: [Max](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Plan
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:09:22 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Mad, and I am writing as a resident of San Francisco to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

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I urge you to embrace fiscal responsibility and equity as, require transparency and outcomes tracking of our city departments, and instead invest in programs that stabilize and support our communities—not punish them.

Thank you in advance,
Max

From: [Jeff Jurow](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: DA Funding
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:18:58 PM

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Please do not cut funding for the district attorney's office. We are finally making progress. Let's not go backwards.

Jeff Jurow

From: [Mads Ha](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:32:12 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Mads, and I am writing as a resident of San Francisco to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

At a time when our city faces a massive budget crisis—and programs that serve our most vulnerable residents are facing cuts—it is unconscionable to approve such a dramatic expansion of a carceral institution. The DA's request is based on speculative arrest data and is not grounded in any clear public safety outcomes.

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From: [Lesley N.](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Don't fire DA's
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:19:46 PM

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We are in Europe now, people walk the streets without fear, the shops are full of goods(not behind glass)very few empty store fronts, as a female I feel safe day and night. The streets are clean! Almost no scary people walking around screaming and stealing. When did this become ok?

Look at yourselves BOFS! Where do you spend our money??

In SF I don't go out at night(no female one I know does)and often fear walking during the day. I have lived in SF since 1990, it wasn't always this way.

Enforce our laws, stop making excuses for people breaking the law. Do NOT defund anything related to our laws or the DA.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Gease](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: District Attorney Brooke Jenkins
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:37:36 AM

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District Attorney Brooke Jenkins' Office has played a critical role in reducing crime to a 20 year low. (The homicide rate last year was the lowest since the 1960s!) Crime dropped 28% last year because prosecutors are doing their jobs.

Now is not the time to end our progress. We cannot afford to fire prosecutors by cutting the DA's staffing. Let's not march backwards on public safety.

By investing in effective prosecution, we assist in our economic recovery and thus generate additional tax revenue necessary to pay for other essential local government services.

"Justice delayed is justice denied," and it is not fair to delay cases, prolonging the agony for victims and their families.

Robert Gease
District 7

From: kenvanos@yahoo.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Do not defund the DA office
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:57:30 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

We all experienced the disaster following the defund the police. Do not make the same mistake. Or be voted out like the former mayor.

Regards,
Ken Vanos

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Ryan Maher](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reject the DA's \$19.8M Expansion Request
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:13:44 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Ryan Maher, and I am writing as a resident of District 4 to express my strong opposition to the District Attorney's request for \$19.8 million in additional funding.

At a time when our city faces a massive budget crisis—and programs that serve our most vulnerable residents are facing cuts—it is unconscionable to approve such a dramatic expansion of the city's incarceration apparatus. The DA's request is based on speculative arrest data and is not grounded in any clear public safety outcomes.

The Public Defender's Office continues to operate with only 60% of the DA's budget, placing due process in jeopardy. Meanwhile, promising community-based alternatives like pretrial diversion, treatment, and restorative justice – which actively rehabilitate people into their communities and restore victims and are much more cost-effective than maintaining jail populations – remain underfunded.

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Ryan Maher
Resident of District 4
San Francisco

From: [Adam Epstein](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Restore Funding for the DA
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:18:44 AM

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Regards,
Adam Epstein

From: ifitefire4u@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Cutting the DA's budget when the city is finally getting back on its feet would be foolish
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:09:35 PM

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Crime has kept tourism away from San Francisco and reduced our tax dollars immensely. People who are born and raised in the city are fed up of the crime and left...leaving only renters who don't care what happens because they don't own a piece of the city.

Playing dangerous politics at this time would be a step backwards that we cannot afford. Please do not cut the District Attorney's budget or lay off any staffers there. If anything, as a retired San Francisco firefighter and friend of many police officers I would even agree to blacking out a fire station before cutting the District Attorney's budget.

The real dollars are wasted on repeat offending drug addicts and borderline insane people walking our streets. Compassion goes only so far. If someone doesn't want help why is it our city's responsibility to enable them? Send them back to where they came. Let the small town criminal justice system in their home state deal with the problem they created.

Good luck to you and your decisions going forward. Please don't make the same mistakes twice.

San Francisco Native
Charles Farrugia
283 Gambier St.

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From: [Crowder, Dona](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: DA office budget for adequate staffing- Budget Committee -250131
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:17:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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I am speaking to ask that you afford adequate staffing to the DA's office in light of the fact that the District Attorney is most responsible for holding law breakers accountable. With safety issues clearly among the highest priorities for residents, tourists and businesses, and in rebuilding our reputation as a wonderful place to live, visit and work, it is very important to fund this department fully for their expanded services and coordinations. More arrests translate to more plea deals or trials and more focused activity for the District Attorney. Please reassure the public and meet what the city expects and deserves. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

May 7, 2025 1:30PM

250131 [Hearing - District Attorney's Staffing Levels]

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Hearing to assess staffing levels and needs within the District Attorney's Office, including an evaluation of the department's capacity to expand in coordination with other public safety agencies, the resources necessary for full implementation of Proposition 36 as well as any other resource gaps, challenges related to recruitment and retention, recommending any legislative or budgetary actions to support these efforts; and requesting the District Attorney's Office to report.

2/4/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

2/10/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

4/21/25; TRANSFERRED to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Dona Crowder
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From: [John Avalos](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); bilal.mahmoud@sfgov.org; [Sauter, Danny \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: On Increasing the District Atty budget over other department budgets
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 1:08:22 PM

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Good afternoon, Supervisors.

At a time of rising authoritarianism in the US it makes no sense to single out the DA's office as deserving of a budget increase when equally critical city departments are all tightening their belts in preparation for the next FY and while San Franciscans are making enormous sacrifices and living in fear of a federal clampdown.

Across the country, we're watching corrupt Trump officials like Kristi Noem who came to SF last week—undermine civil rights, criminalizing dissent, and targeting immigrants, trans people, unhoused residents, and communities of color for private for profit detention centers. The last thing San Francisco should do is expand prosecutorial power that can be used to mirror these corrupt and authoritarian tactics.

At a time when crime in our city is at a historic low, we should have a more thoughtful approach balanced across our public safety departments and with all of the city's priorities. Why consider inflating the budget of an office already mired in ethical violations, public attacks on the judiciary, and quiet collaboration with ICE and federal prosecutors? This is not justice—it's capitulation and complicity.

Let's not forget: the City of St Francis has long aspired to be a beacon of compassion and protection for the most vulnerable. We should be protecting due process and civil liberties, not undermining them with more resources to entangle people in a corrupt and dystopian justice system on par with Benito Mussolini's version of Italy.

We must resist fear-based policymaking and invest instead in what truly keeps us safe—housing, mental health care, youth development, and restorative practices.

As maga extremists threaten federal judges who uphold the rule of law, a DA's office that aligns itself with authoritarian rhetoric—claiming judges are “too lenient,” sidestepping sanctuary protections, and inflaming public fear—does not deserve more power. It needs more oversight.

Budgets are moral documents. Let ours say clearly: we will not fund fear, we will not fund oppression, and we will not let San Francisco drift toward authoritarianism.

~John

Sent from a mobile device