

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC
DEFENDER

Budget Presentation
FY 2022-24

*BOS Budget and Appropriations
Committee, June 17, 2022*

Who We Are

The San Francisco Public Defender protects and defends the rights of indigent adults and youth accused of crimes, immigrants facing deportation, and people facing conservatorship processes.

Our team of 113 attorneys and 92 advocacy staff provide zealous, compassionate and creative legal representation and support to over 20,000 people annually.

Our mission: to fiercely defend individuals, confront state-sponsored violence, and advocate for community power.



Who We Serve

We represent our community's most vulnerable and disenfranchised

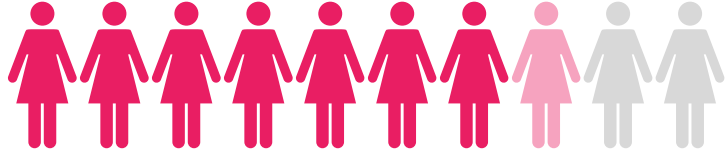
10%

Immigrants or non-English speakers



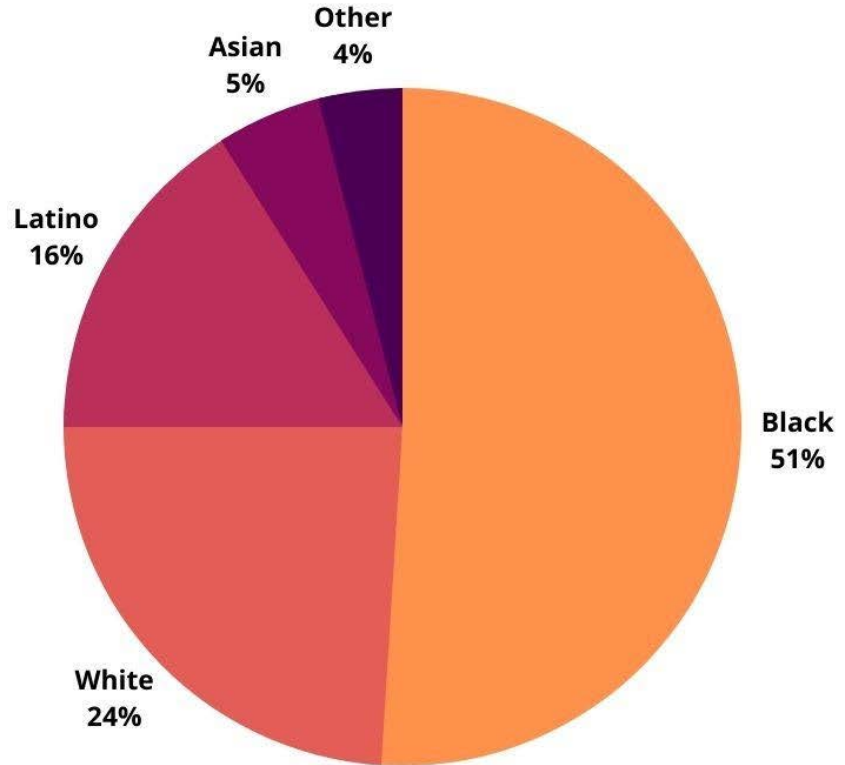
75%

Suffer from mental illness or substance use issues



100%

Low-income; many live in poverty or suffer from homelessness



What We Do

We aggressively defend our clients in the courts

Our attorneys and defense teams conducted **45** jury trials in 2021, refusing to let the courts' 2021 COVID closures prevent our clients from seeking justice in front of juries.

Across both units, we secured **650** dismissals for our clients.



What We Do

We increase community safety by changing lives

Our **Pre-Trial Release** and **Reentry Units** connect clients to treatment, community-based services, housing, and employment opportunities.

Our **Collaborative Court teams** advocate for clients to participate in Mental Health Diversion, Young Adult Court, Behavioral Health Court, Drug Court, Veterans Court, and other alternative courts.

Our **Clean Slate Unit** clears people's records, removing barriers to employment, housing, and education.

Our **Youth Defender Unit** works to keep our youth out of the criminal legal system, and our **MAGIC** and **Young Defender programs** invest in their education and empowerment.



What We Do

We fight for racial equity

Our **Policy Unit** fights for racial justice by advocating for changes in local and state laws to make the criminal legal system more fair, equitable, and just.

Our **Immigration Unit** advocates on behalf of immigrants facing deportation.

Our **Integrity Unit** holds police accountable for misconduct and advocates for changes to procedures that disproportionately target people of color.

Our **Postconviction Unit** seeks the release or resentencing for individuals who have been punished under laws that disproportionately sentence people of color to longer terms in state prison.

Our **Felony and Misdemeanor Units** are fighting to implement **the Racial Justice Act**. AB 2542 empowers the defense to challenge racial disparities and inequalities in **arrests** by the police, **charging** by the District Attorney, and **sentences** by the courts by demonstrating that racial discrimination or bias, direct or implicit, played a role.

Recent Achievements



Ended unaffordable cash bail in California by winning *In re Kenneth Humphrey* in the California Supreme Court



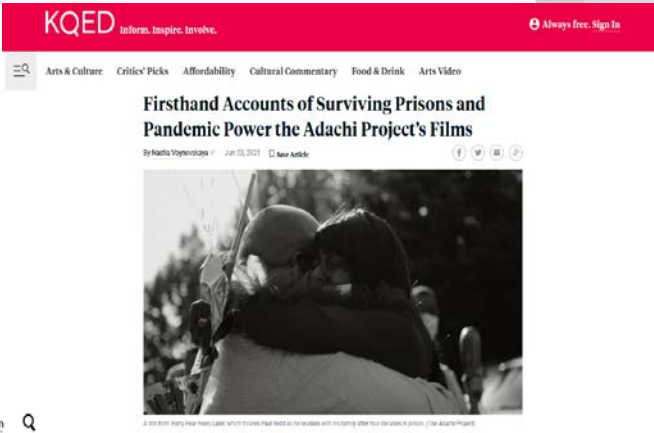
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City Leaders Applaud Program That Increases Pay To Low-Income Jurors

Oct. 13, 2021

Co-created and implemented AB 1452 – the “Be the Jury” program – into law, aimed at eliminating financial hardships to enable low-income jurors to serve on juries



Launched the Adachi Project, a first-of-its kind media and storytelling initiative to challenge stereotypes and humanizing our clients and their communities



Recent Achievements

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WORLD & NATION



California settlement limits ICE from re-detaining immigrants freed because of COVID

Secured a groundbreaking settlement to yield protections for immigrants detained by ICE, and limiting re-detention of those released

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Judge Rules CDCR Inflicted Cruel and Unusual Punishment on San Quentin Inmates During Massive COVID Outbreak

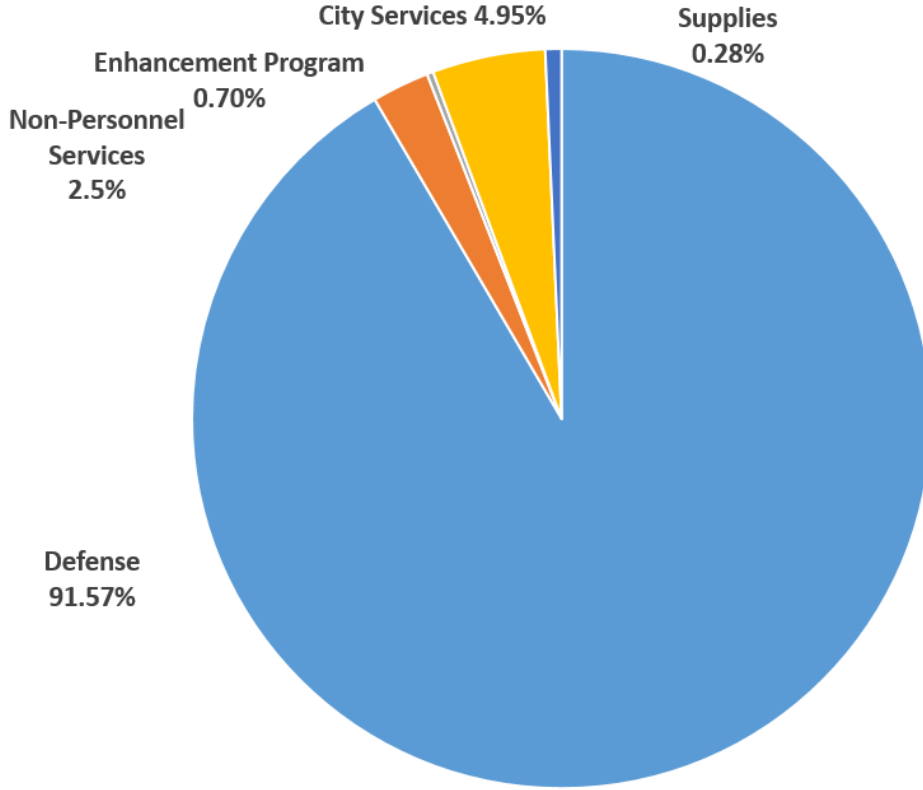
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Litigated on behalf of 300 incarcerated individuals for a finding that California Dept. of Corrections inflicted cruel and unusual punishment during a massive COVID outbreak

Public Defender Budget and FTE Summary

	Budget	FTEs
FY 2020-21	42,256,703	199.06
FY 2021-22	45,292,551	209.57
FY 2022-23 (Mayor's June 1)	49,090,429	220.23
<i>FY 2022-2023 (General Fund)</i>	<i>47,305,917</i>	<i>210.03</i>
<i>FY 2022-2023 (Grant Funded)</i>	<i>1,784,512</i>	<i>10.2</i>

Public Defender Budget



Our Budget in Context

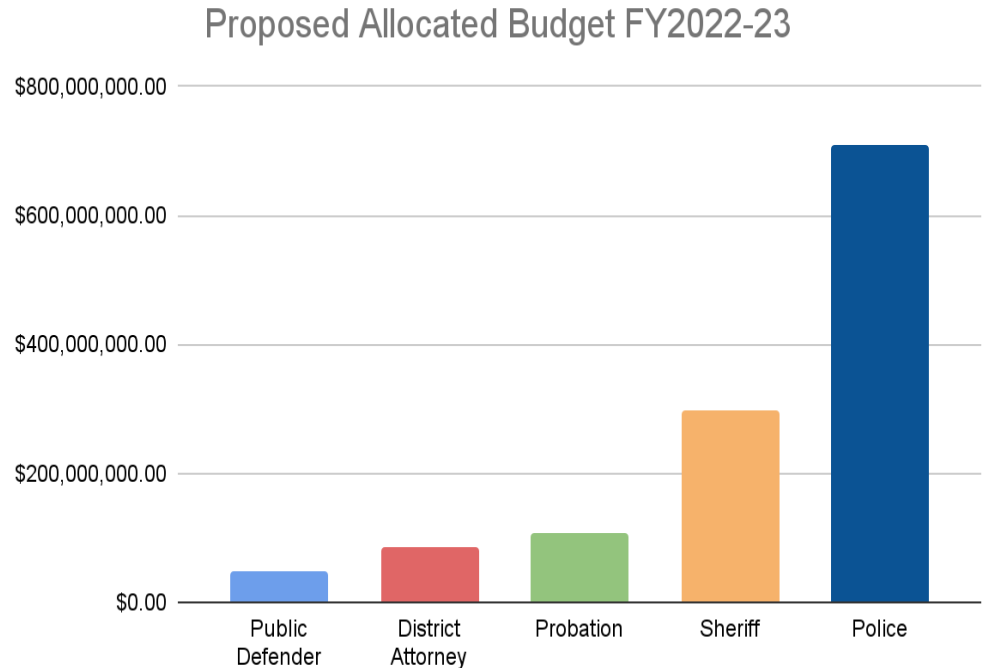
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Our annual budget is approx \$49 million.

This is a little more than **one half** the budget of the District Attorney's Office (\$85 million).

It is **six times less** than the Sheriff's Department (\$299 million).

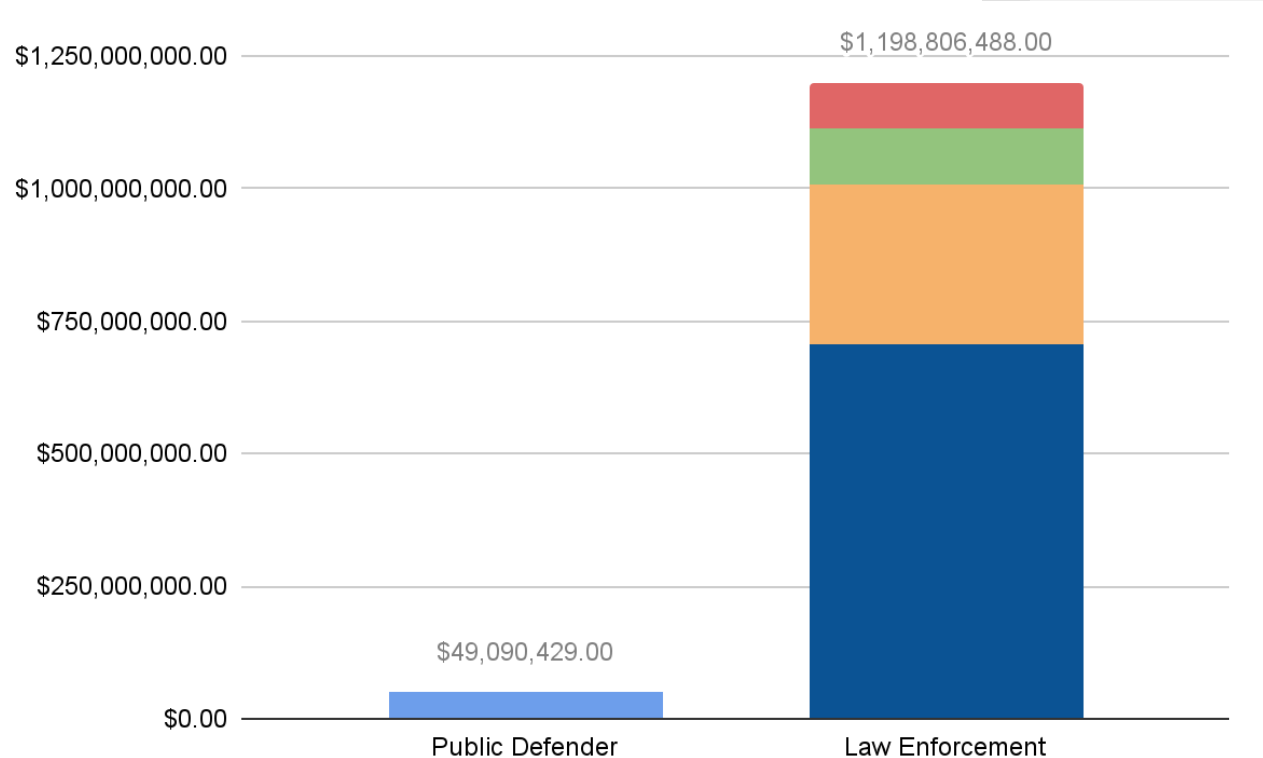
It is **fourteen times less** than the Police Department (\$708 million).



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The Public Defender's budget is **twenty-four times less** than SF's entire carceral system

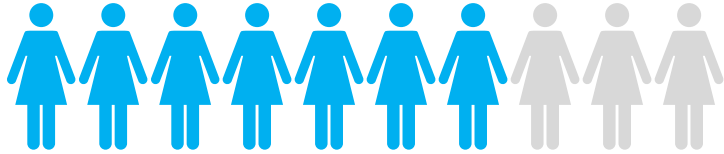


A Call For Equity

The City invests \$49 million in the services provided by the Public Defender.

70%

Even though the Public Defender represents 7 out of 10 people charged by the District Attorney,



58%

our budget is just over half of the District Attorney's budget.

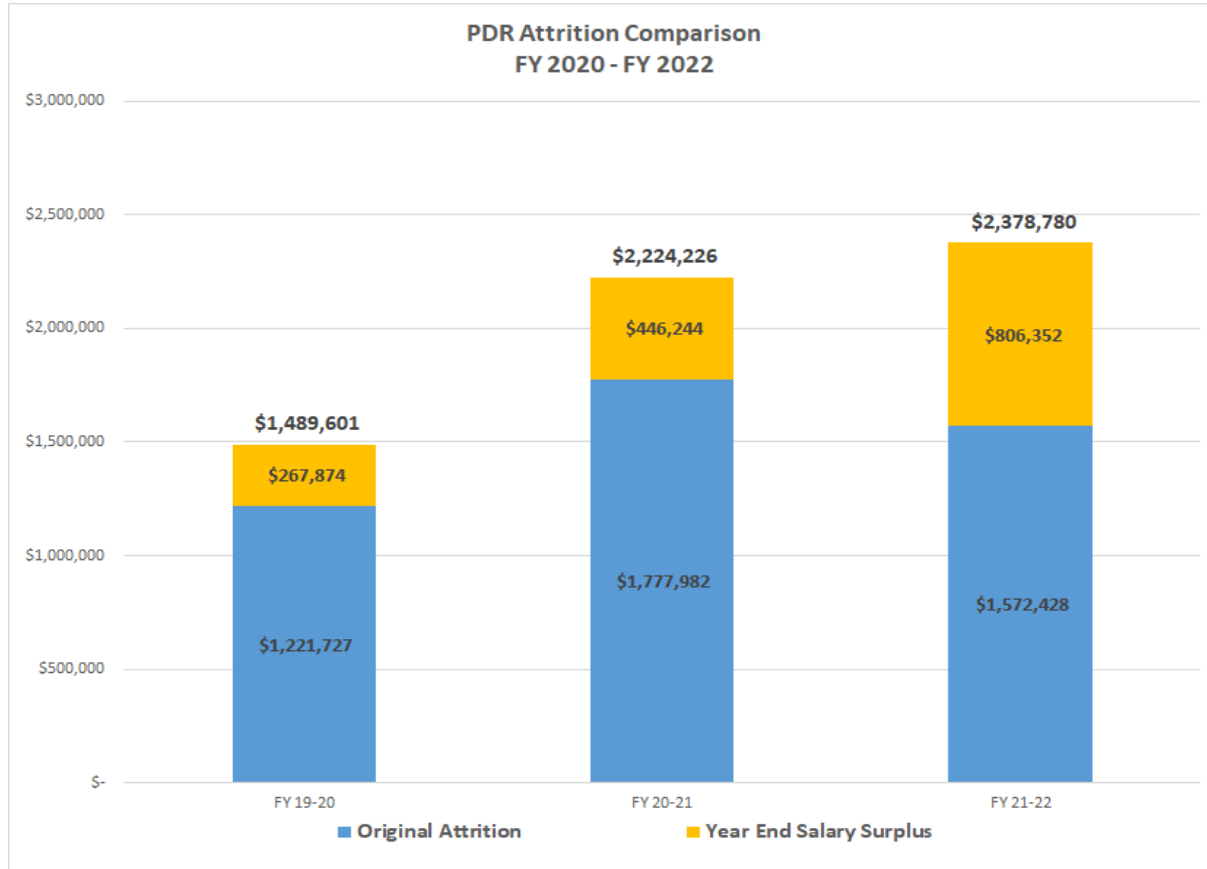


Vacancies

	2020	2021	2022
Number of Vacancies	2	7	14*

	Total Number of Vacancies	Position	Vacancy Date	Estimated Hiring Date
2022 Attorney Vacancies	0	NA	NA	NA
2022 Non-Attorney Vacancies	14	6 - Sr. Investigator (8143)	Oct '21	Sept '22
		1 - Investigator (8142)	May '22	July '22
		3 – Court Alternative Specialist (8446)	Oct '21 + Jan '22	July '22
		1 – IS Administrator (1094)	Oct '21	July '22
		1 – Public Relations Officer (1314)	Oct '21	July '22
		1 – Legal Process Clerk (8106)	May '22	July '22
		1 – Sr. Legal Process Clerk (8108)	June '22	July '22

Attrition



Organizational Chart

Public Defender
8196

Confidential Secretary
0922 – N
Legal Secretary
1458
Legal Assistant
8173

Chief Attorney
8193

Assistant Chief |
Defend

Chief of Staff

Assistant Chief Attorney |
Operations

Assistant Chief Attorney |
Confront



Assistant Chief Attorney | Defend

1 Head Attorney - 8182

Felony

4 Managing Attorneys - 8177
42 Attorneys - 8177 + 8182

Misdemeanor

2 Managing Attorneys - 8177 + 8182
19 Attorneys - 8177

Youth Defender

1 Managing Attorney - 8182
4 Attorneys - 8182 + 8177
2 Legal Assistants - 8173
2 Investigators - 8142 + 8143
2 Court Alternative Specialist I - 8446
1 Social Worker - 2910
1 Criminal Justice Specialist II - 8452
3 Clerks - 1402, 8106, 8108
1 Court Alt. Specialist - 8446 (V)

MAGIC Programs

1 Criminal Justice Specialist II - 8452
3 Clerks - 1402 + 1406

Immigration

1 Managing Attorney - 8177
7 Attorneys - 8177
1 Investigator - 8142
1 Legal Assistant - 8173
2 Court Alternative Specialist I - 8446
1 Clerk - 8106

Pre-Trial Release

1 Lead Attorney - 8177
1.5 Attorneys - 8177
1 Legal Assistant - 8173
1 Social Worker - 2910
1 Investigator - 8142
2 Court Alt. Specialist - 8446 (V)

Post Conviction

1 Managing Attorney - 8182
1 Attorney - 8177
2 Legal Assistant - 8173
1 Court Alt. Specialist I - 8446

Research

1 Managing Attorney - 8182
7 Attorneys - 8177

Specialty Courts + Programs

1 Managing Attorney - 8177
7 Attorneys - 8177 (1 grant funded)
3 Legal Assistants - 8173 (1 grant funded)
2 Clerks - 8108
1 Transcriber Typist - 1430

Mental Health

1 Managing Attorney - 8182
2 Attorneys - 8177
2 Investigators - 8142
1 Legal Assistant - 8173

Advocacy Teams

Investigation

9 Investigators - 8142
7 Sr. Investigators - 8143
6 Sr. Investigators - 8143 (V)
1 Investigator - 8142 (V)

Paralegal

13 Legal Assistants - 8173

Reentry

3 Court Alternative Specialist I - 8446
3 Criminal Justice Specialist II - 8452



Chief of Staff

1 Sr. Comm. Dev. Specialist II - 9775

Human Resources

1 Manager – 0931
 1 Sr. HR Analyst - 1244
 1 Personnel Clerk – 1204



Assistant Chief Attorney | Operations

1 Head Attorney - 8182

Training

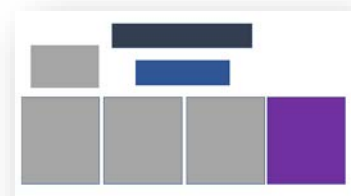
1 Managing Attorney – 8182

Clerical / Information Technology

1 Manager - 8182
 7 Clerks - 8106 + 8108
 2 Sr. IS Engineer - 1043
 2 IS Administrator IV - 1094
 1 IS Administrator III - 1093
 1 IS Business Analyst - 1053
 2 Clerks (8106 + 8018)
 1 IS Administrator IV- 1094 (V)

Finance, Admin & Payroll

1 Financial Systems Supervisor - 1670 S
 1 Senior Payroll and Personnel Clerk- 1222 N
 2 Sr. Account Clerk- 1632



Assistant Chief Attorney | Confront

1 Attorney - 8177

Integrity

1 Managing Attorney - 8177
 1 Paralegal - 8173

Communications

1 Public Information Officer - 1312
 1 Public Relations Officer - 1314 (V)

Policy

1 Attorney - 8177 (0.25 FTE grant funded)
 1 Principal Analyst - 1824

Thank you!