

# District Attorney

- **FY 2011-12 Recommended Budget**
  - **Operating: \$18,112,740**
- **General Fund Contribution**
  - **\$12,037,296 (62% of total)**
- **One-Time Funding in Budget**
  - **\$1,188,497**
- **Budget FTE**
  - **111.4**
  - **19.5% DECREASE in FTEs from a high of 138 FTEs in 2007-08**

# FY 2010-11

## Select NEW Accomplishments

- **Significant Cases Prosecuted**
  - **James Lujan** (4-yr old boy murdered and 18-month old girl tortured)
    - 75 years to life (Lompoc)
  - **Marc Morton** (55-yr old man beaten to death inside his home)
    - Life without parole (Santa Maria)
  - **Ruben Mize** (16-yr old boy stabbed 30 times in gang murder)
    - 60 years to life (Santa Barbara)
  - **Isaac Garza and Carlos Valdez** (18-yr old boy shot to death by gang members)
    - 90 years to life and 50 years to life (Santa Maria)
  - **Herbert Morrison** (molested step daughter and step granddaughter)
    - 32 years and 4 months (Santa Maria)
- **Obtained largest real estate fraud sentence in history of Santa Barbara County**
  - **Michael Wilson** (defrauded over 50 victims of \$15 million)
    - 20 years and 4 months (Santa Maria)

# FY 2010-11

## Select NEW Accomplishments

- **Arson Task Force**
  - Over 30 countywide officials collaborating at no extra cost to the County
- **Attorney Externship and Volunteer Program**
  - Experienced lawyers volunteering
  - New lawyers gaining experience
- **Sponsored AB 765 (Countywide bipartisan support)**
  - Added protections for victims of rape by fraud
  - Unanimously passed full Assembly and now in the Senate
- **Victim Assistance**
  - Supported 3,100 victims recovering from the impact of crime
- **Saved \$1.2 Million in FY 2010-11 Budget to Use in FY 2011-12**
  - Rigorously controlled spending and expenses
  - Maintained vacancies

# FY 2011-12 Proposed Service Level Impacts

## **ELIMINATIONS:**

**4 support staff**

**3 victim advocates**

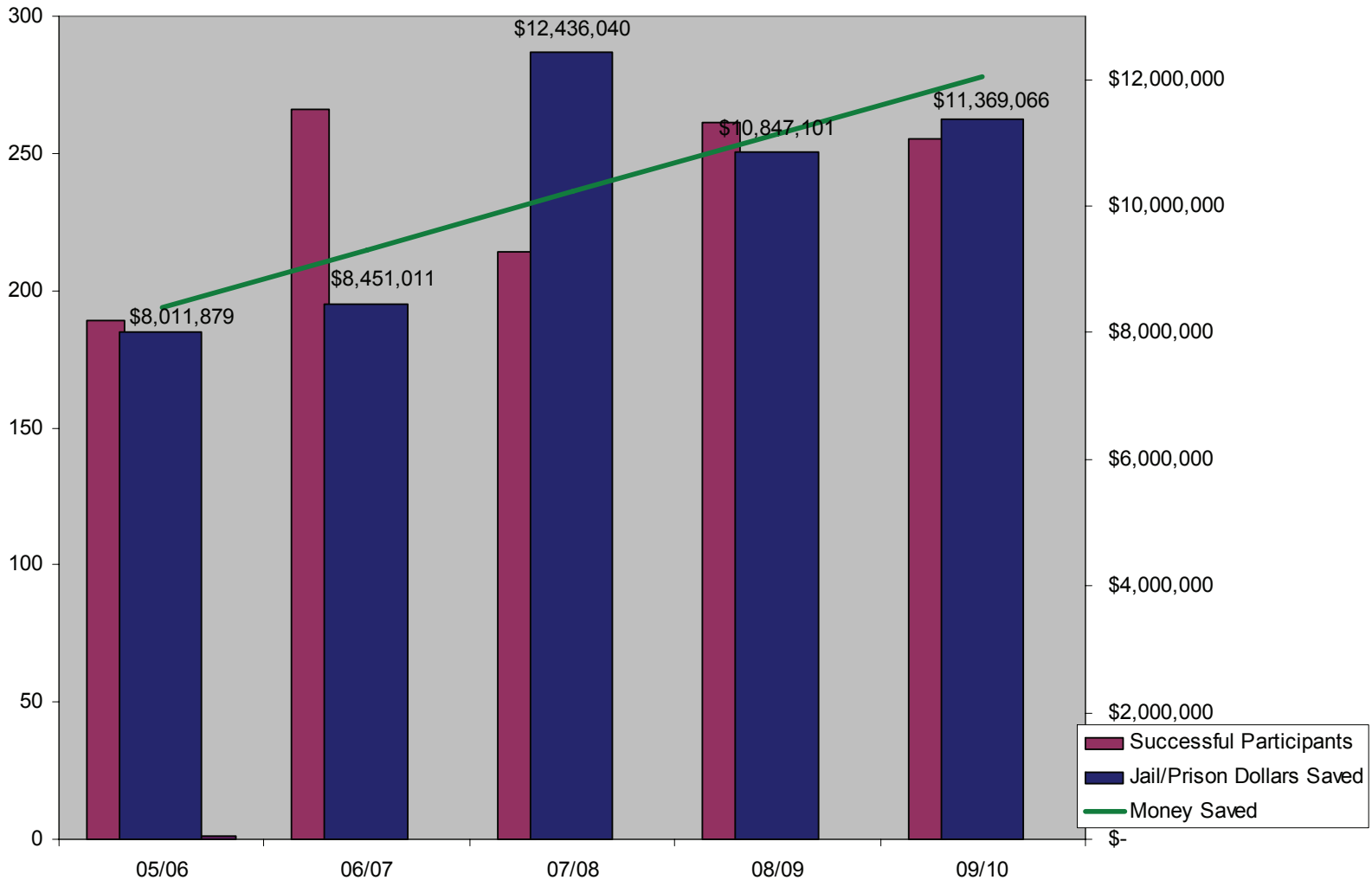
**3 Deputy District Attorneys**

**1 criminal investigator**

**\$1.2 Million Needed to Maintain  
Current Prosecution Team**

# Eliminate 2 DDAs and Team from Treatment Courts Increases County Cost

UCSB Collaborative Courts Report, Prop 36 and Drug Court Analysis  
by Dr. Merith Cosden



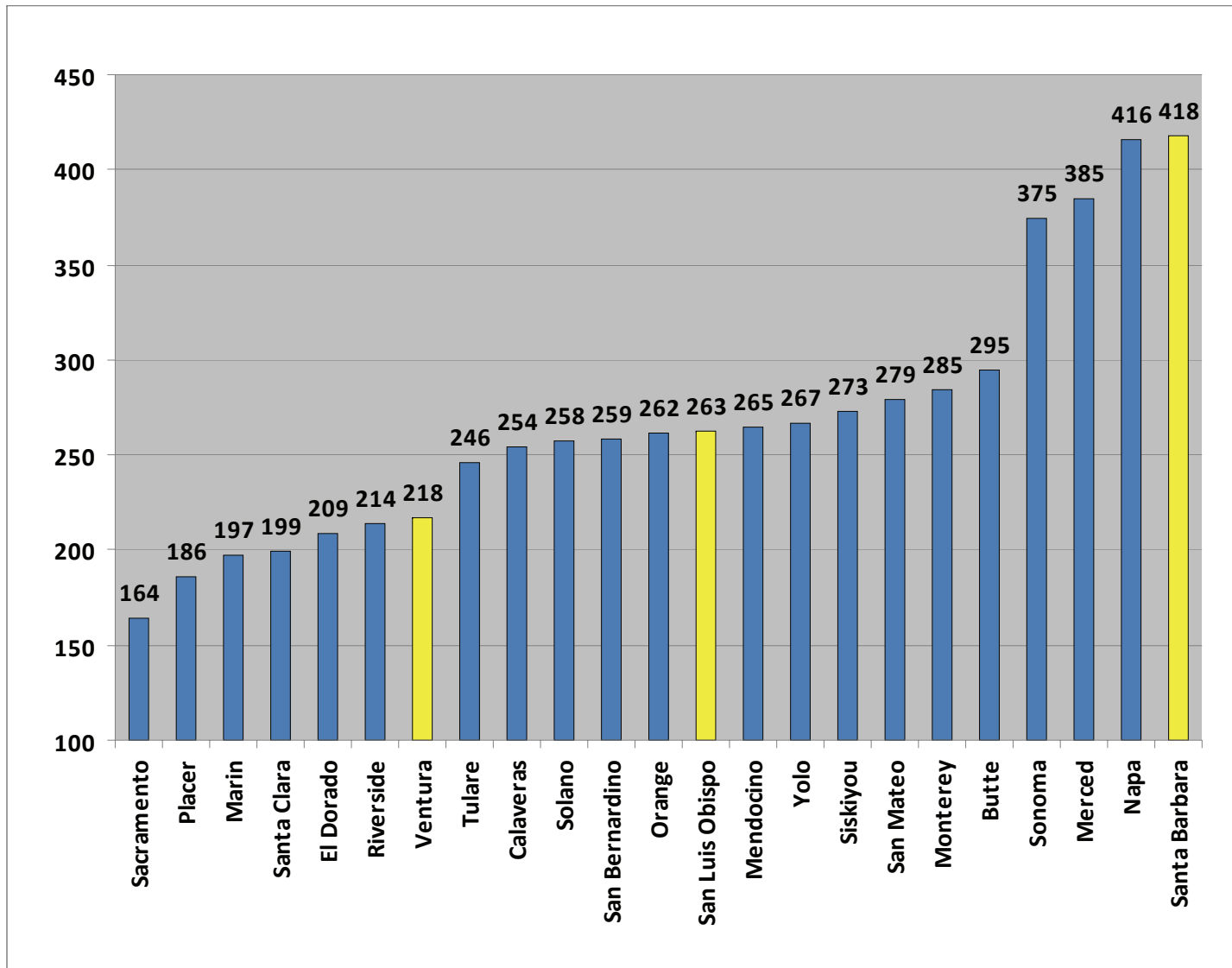
# FY 2011-12 Proposed Additional Service Level Impacts

Undermines our ability to efficiently and effectively prosecute crime in Santa Barbara County

- **Eliminate 2 DDAs from Treatment Courts**
- **Eliminate 1 criminal investigator**
  - Cannot conduct misdemeanor investigations related to manslaughter, DUI, drug crimes, sex crimes, battery or assault
- **Eliminate Consumer Fraud and Environmental Prosecution Unit of 1 DDA and 1 support staff**
  - No civil prosecution of offenses that defraud consumers or harm the environment
- **Eliminate 3 victim advocates**
  - 900 fewer victims of crime will be served
  - Unable to protect crime victims pursuant to Marsy's Law
- **Eliminate 3 additional support staff**
  - Prosecution system becomes unstable
  - DDAs perform clerical duties in addition to larger caseloads (Not cost effective)

# DDA Caseloads the Highest in the State

(2011 California District Attorneys Association Salary Survey)



# Gang and Murder/Attempted Murder Cases Increase

## IN THE LAST 10 YEARS:

↑ 1422% INCREASE in Gang  
Crimes

↑ 311% INCREASE in Murders and  
Attempted Murders



## Jury Trials Increase → Resources Diverted

↑ 40% INCREASE in jury trials compared to the same time last year

↑ 50% INCREASE in jury trials projected to occur by year end

# FY 2011-12 Proposed Ongoing Service Level

The District Attorney will continue to prosecute the most serious criminal offenses.