Tier #1 = End our participation in Treatment Courts (2.5 FTE)

- This reduction will eliminate the 2 DDAs assigned to the treatment courts (drug court, mental health court, DUI court, and Proposition 36) and 1 half time Office Professional.
Tier #1

- **Effect**: We will no longer staff the treatment court, leading to lower success rates, which will have the ripple effect of more drug use and a rise in the typical drug user crimes such as thefts, etc.

- **This is a non mandated function**
Tier #2 = Eliminate one of the two Deputy DA positions in our Environmental/Consumer Protection Unit (1 FTE - currently held vacant)

- The remaining 1 Deputy DA would handle only the most major consumer and environmental cases county-wide.
Tier #2

- The decline in cases resulted in revenue reductions, only financing 1 attorney.

- Effect: we will not be able to prosecute/enforce some consumer and environmental law violations, which will potentially allow businesses to take advantage of the public and pollute the environment.
Tier #3 = Elimination of 50% of prosecutors and support staff assigned to misdemeanor criminal operations (9.5 FTE)

- The remaining 4 prosecutors county-wide would attempt to cover misdemeanor domestic violence, DUI, battery on police officers and sex offenses.
With rare exception, the true *door-step* crimes: Petty theft, public drunkenness, loitering, aggressive panhandling, simple battery, misdemeanor vandalism, under the influence of a controlled substance and disturbing the peace offenses, for example, simply would not be prosecuted, which will diminish the level of public protection against criminal offenses of concern to the community.
14,622 misdemeanor filings
2008

- Public intoxication 2,866
- Disturbing the Peace 1,230
- Under the Influence 1,225
- Petty Theft/Burglary 756
- Trespass 473
- Assault/Battery 436
- Vandalism 396
- Panhandling 32

TOTAL= 7,414
(plus others)
"The Broken Windows" Theory

Professors James Q Wilson and Richard J. Herrnstein
Harvard University

"...minor incivilities such as drunkenness, begging, vandalism, disorderly behavior, graffiti, human litter, etc, if unchecked and uncontrolled, produce an atmosphere in the community or on the street in which more serious crime will flourish" Sir Charles Pollard commenting on "Broken Windows".
EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE AND DEPARTMENT (13 FTE)

- 7 DDA positions will be eliminated, 1 of them held vacant, which means **6** people will lose their job.
- 1 DA investigator position will be eliminated, the position is held vacant.
- 3 full time and 1 half time Legal Office Professional positions will be eliminated, so **4** people will lose their job.
- 1 full time and 1 half time victim witness program assistant will be eliminated, so **2** people will lose their job.

* **12** people will lose their job.
Additional Cuts

- 70% net reduction in Investigative Assistant Staffing
- 1 Legal Office Professional Layoff and downgrade 2 Legal Office Professional Staff
- 20% Reduction in Victim Advocate Staff

1.9 additional position reductions = 14.9 Total for the Department

1 more person will lose their job for a Department wide total of 13 people.
1. Public Safety will be compromised because criminals will no longer be prosecuted for committing most misdemeanor offenses
2. Significant financial consequences to business and citizens in the community
3. Negative impact on tourism
4. Gang violence will often go unchecked
Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

Yearly Gang Enhancements Filed

Data shown reflects agency making underlying arrest that resulted in filing of enhancement.

2003  2004  2005  2006  2007  2008
District Attorney 2008 Felonies

- **Case Filings**: 2,575
- **Reduced to Misdemeanors 25%**: 1,059
- **Rejections/ Further Investigations**: 773
- **Total Cases Filed**: 2,987
- **Trials / Guilty Verdicts**:
  - Court Trials: 2 / 2
  - Jury Trials: 25 / 27
- **80% Cases Concluded**: 2,063
- **Performance Measure**: Maximize efficient utilization of the Criminal Justice System resources by resolving 55% of felony cases before filing of Informations in Superior Court.
District Attorney 2008 Misdemeanors

16,535 Total
1,914 Rejections
14,072 Case Filings
+ 550 Co-Defendants
14,622 Total Cases Filed

65% of Cases Concluded
9150

Performance Measure: Dispose of 55% of newly filed misdemeanor cases at the Arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice agency resources.

Trials / Guilty Verdicts:
20 / 28