2015-2017
BUDGET WORKSHOP

District Attorney

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Administration & Support
Criminal Prosecution
Civil Prosecution
Overarching Business Trends

- Propositions (36 & 47) impacting attorney workloads
- 20% of outgoing experienced trial prosecutors replaced with entry-level DDAs due to funding
- Need to update case management system
Summary

- Operating: $22,002,535
- Capital: $240,000
- General Fund: $13,288,600
- FTE’s: 131.2
- One Time Use of Fund Balance: $96,771
- Service Level Reductions: None
- Expansion Requests: $354,000
Summary

Major Capital Projects:

• **Case management system replacement**
  - Cost: $150,000
  - Replace 20 year old Case Management system
    - Necessary to prosecute 21st century cases
    - Improve staff productivity
    - Provides ability to capture significant data
FY 15-16 Source of Funds

- Intergovernmental Revenue; $6,236,696; 28%
- Charges for Services; $1,694,769; 8%
- Miscellaneous Revenue; $120,000; <1%
- Other Financing Sources; $52,300; <1%
- Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-); $292,039; 1%
- Decreases to Fund Balances; $336,771; 1%
- Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties; $225,100; 1%
- General Fund Contribution; $13,288,600; 60%
FY 15-16 Use of Funds

- Criminal Prosecution, $20,242,596, 91%
- Administration & Support, $1,596,419, 7%
- Civil Prosecution, $163,520, <1%
- Capital Assets, $240,000, 1%
- Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+), $3,740, <1%

Criminal Prosecution, $20,242,596, 91%
Staffing Summary

- 127.5 FTE FY 14-15 Adopted
- 131.2 FTE FY 15-16 Recommended; FY 16-17 Proposed

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GFC 5 Year Summary

Millions

11.4  11.6  11.8  12.0  12.2  12.4  12.6  12.8  13.0  13.2  13.4

11-12  12-13  13-14  14-15  15-16

$12.04  $12.29  $12.52  $12.87  $13.29

GFC Funding
FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

• **Major Cases, Major Outcomes**
  - Murders, sex crimes, arson, gang, domestic violence, hate crime, and white collar cases consume vast majority of resources
  - *People v. Morua, People v. Raymond Macias, People v. Prenatt, People v. Holzer*
  - Prosecute extensive *People v. Ramon David Maldonado, et al* gang murder case

• **Human Trafficking**
  - Successfully prosecuted first HT case
    - Defendant found guilty of all 76 charges
FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

**Misdemeanor Diversion Program**
- Reduce cases in court system
- Increase new participants (65%), staffing is the same

**Truancy Program**
- Attorney General’s latest truancy report cites SBDA as example of how to achieve goal of returning children to school without necessitating criminal intervention
- Truants at high risk for becoming perpetrators or victims
- Program services address root causes of truancy
  - Social, familial, academic, mental and physical health issues

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FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

- **Real Estate Fraud Program**
  - Expanded program
  - 38 investigations performed
  - $13.5M in restitution to 50 victims

- **Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program**
  - Enhanced to prosecute fraudulent claims
  - Initiated free public service campaign
    - Fraud hotline and posters on 30 MTD buses
FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - **Community**

- Creating/Chairing IV Safe Committee
  - Safer Halloween
  - Safer Deltopia
  - Rebrand Isla Vista
  - Develop strategic policies and sustainable actions to promote safety
FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - Community

- Anti-animal abuse task force
  - Sep. 2014: Expert brought in to educate community on correlation between animal and human abuse
  - Prevent abuse through community education, investigation, and prosecution
  - Animal abuse cases can lead to prosecutions for child abuse and domestic violence
FY 2015-17 Objectives

• Investigate and prosecute suspects accessing and distributing child pornography
  ➢ Correlation between child pornography and child molestation

• **Firearm denial** investigations
  ➢ Investigate denied firearm background checks
  ➢ Violations include prior convictions, court orders, or mental health adjudications

• Establish **Santa Barbara County Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team** to identify fraud trends and practices
FY 2015-17 Objectives

• Provide services to human trafficking victims (grant funded) and agencies that interface with at-risk youth

• Reduce sexual exploitation through creation of Girls’ Court
  ➢ Target female juvenile delinquents at risk of being exploited and/or re-offending
  ➢ Participants receive individualized programs and services under supervision of Santa Maria Juvenile Court

• Reduce automobile theft and automobile insurance fraud through formation of new task force with Santa Maria Police Department

• Upgrade servers, server storage unit, and 20-year-old case management system
# Performance Measures

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<td>Percent of newly filed misdemeanor cases disposed of at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice resources.</td>
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<td>Percent of felony cases resolved before preliminary hearing, thus reducing jail population and number of court appearances.</td>
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<td>Percent of new Victims of Violent Crime claims verified and filed within 90 days of application thereby expediting reimbursements.</td>
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Service Level Reductions

NONE
FY 15-16 Efficiency Changes

- Replace retiring senior DDA’s with less experienced attorneys
- Automate interface with Courts
- Automate e-Discovery process with defense attorneys
- Recruit low or no-cost interns/work study students for all positions
- ex. Back to Work program
- Automate reception telephone lines
Key Challenges and Emerging Issues

• Educating and training 7 new DDAs
  ➢ 20% of trial prosecutors

• State Propositions significantly impacting attorney workloads
  • Prop. 47: Criminal defendants petitioning for sentencing reductions from felonies to misdemeanors
  • Prop. 36: Sentenced Third-Strike offenders seeking early release

• Upgrading case management system to provide crucial integration with other agencies
Budget Enhancement Requests

• 1.0 FTE Data Analyst - $130k
  ➢ Ongoing funding request
  ➢ Objectives: Provide evidence based reporting in support of new case management system and manage discovery due to expanded use of body cams/digital recording devices.

• 2.0 FTEs Legal Office Professionals - $184k
  ➢ Ongoing funding request
  ➢ Objectives: Manage significant increase in misdemeanor diversion workload, address increased demands of electronic transfer of discovery material, and provide prosecutorial support to human trafficking cases.
    ➢ 1.0 FTE assigned to Misdemeanor Diversion Program ($92,000)
    ➢ 1.0 FTE assigned to Discovery and human trafficking ($92,000)

• Santa Maria 1st floor office advancements - $40k
  ➢ One-time funding request
  ➢ Objectives: Provide equipment and workstations for interns/volunteers to assist with increase & complexity of workload (incl. human trafficking and gang cases).
Summary

• Due to Prop. 36 and 47, incarcerated criminals released
  ➢ *Our response* → Increase education, crime prevention, intervention, and prosecution

• 20% of experienced attorneys to be replaced by entry-level attorneys
  ➢ *Our response* → Create and maintain zealous training and mentoring program

_District Attorney Mission Statement_

To pursue truth and justice by employing the highest ethical standards in vigorously prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, and preventing crime.