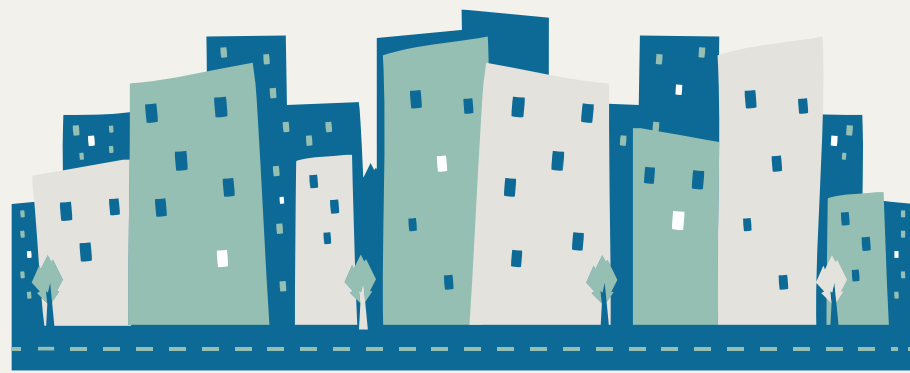


# *San Francisco Public Defender*

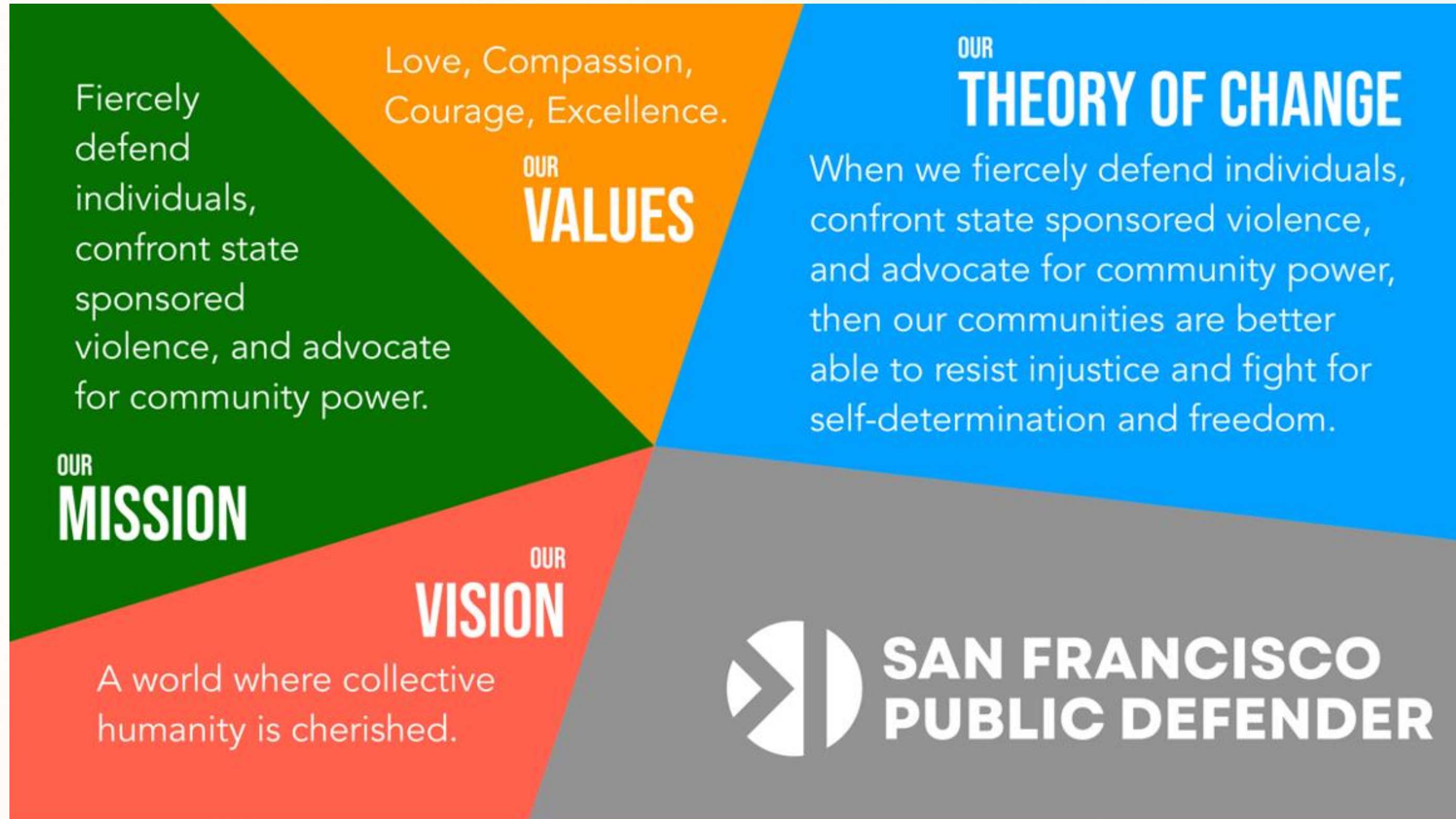
## *Youth Commission Budget Presentation*

### Roadmap



- 1. Mission and Defenders**
- 2. Empowering Community**
- 3. Budget for Justice**
- 4. 2025 Goals**
- 5. Call for Action**

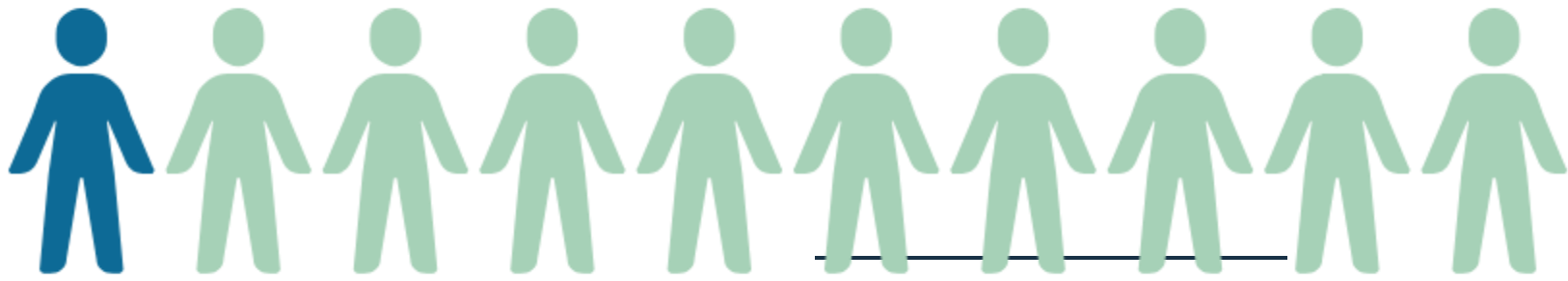
# Mission, Vision, Values





# We Defend

**13% Limited English Proficient and/or Immigrants**



**75% Mental Health Condition and/or Substance Use Disorder**



**100% Low-Income**



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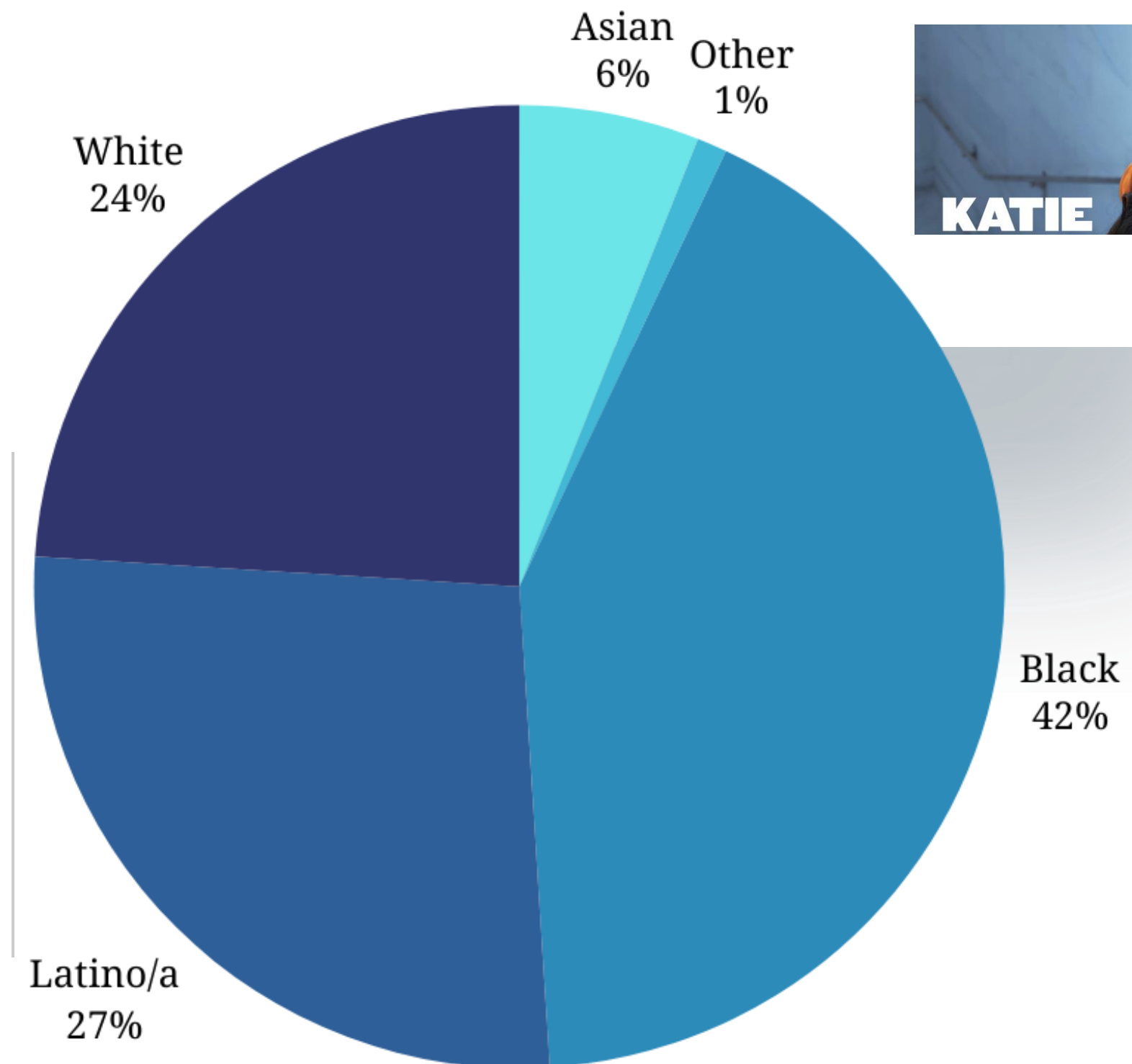


**BELINDA**

*"My second chance means I get to cook for holidays with my daughter, take my grandson to swim lessons, and share other occasions big and small."*



**KATIE**



# Public Defender

## Chief Attorney

### Assistant Chief Attorney | Defend + Advocate

Felony +  
Specialty Courts

Misdemeanor

Mental Health

Youth  
Defender

Immigration

Investigation

Reentry Social  
Work

Paralegal

### Assistant Chief Attorney | Confront + Advocate

Law Enforcement  
Accountability

Communications

Clean Slate

Policy

MAGIC  
programs

The Freedom  
Project

### Assistant Chief Attorney | Training + Operations

Training

Research

Pre-Trial  
Release

IT

Clerical

Attorney  
Recruitment

### Chief of Staff | Culture + Resources

Diversity, Equity  
+ Inclusion

Intern, Fellow +  
Volunteer Attorney  
Programs

Human  
Resources

Budget

Payroll

Finance +  
Accounting







# Major Milestones

**MAGIC Program (BMAGIC & Mo'MAGIC)** celebrated 20 years in 2024. For the past 20 years, they have served over 300,000 children, youth and their families in D10 & D5.

**Clean Slate Program** celebrated 25 years in 2024. Assisting 60,000+ people with record expungement and breaking down barriers to housing, education, and employment.



COVERING THE POLICE

**25 years on, S.F. participants say 'Clean Slate' expungement program changed lives**

by ERIN SHERIDAN  
OCTOBER 4, 2024, 11:18 AM





# Creating Opportunities

**College Pathway Project** connects our clients with opportunities to obtain a higher education at SF State and City College.

**Repair Act**, a new state law we sponsored, will eliminate youth restitution fines, cancel fines older than 10 years for youth and adults, end joint liability for youth, and stop wage and account garnishments for youth.

**Be the Jury** ensures our criminal court juries have economic and racial diversity by providing eligible people \$100 a day (instead of \$15).

**Immigration Unit** represents detained individuals in federal immigration court and provide know your rights presentations to the community.







# *In the Courts*



**We fiercely defend our clients in the courtroom. In 2024, we took **91** felony cases to trial**

- **40%** resulted in acquittals or hung juries
- **30%** resulted in mixed verdicts

**We obtained **2,008** dismissals in felony and misdemeanor cases.**

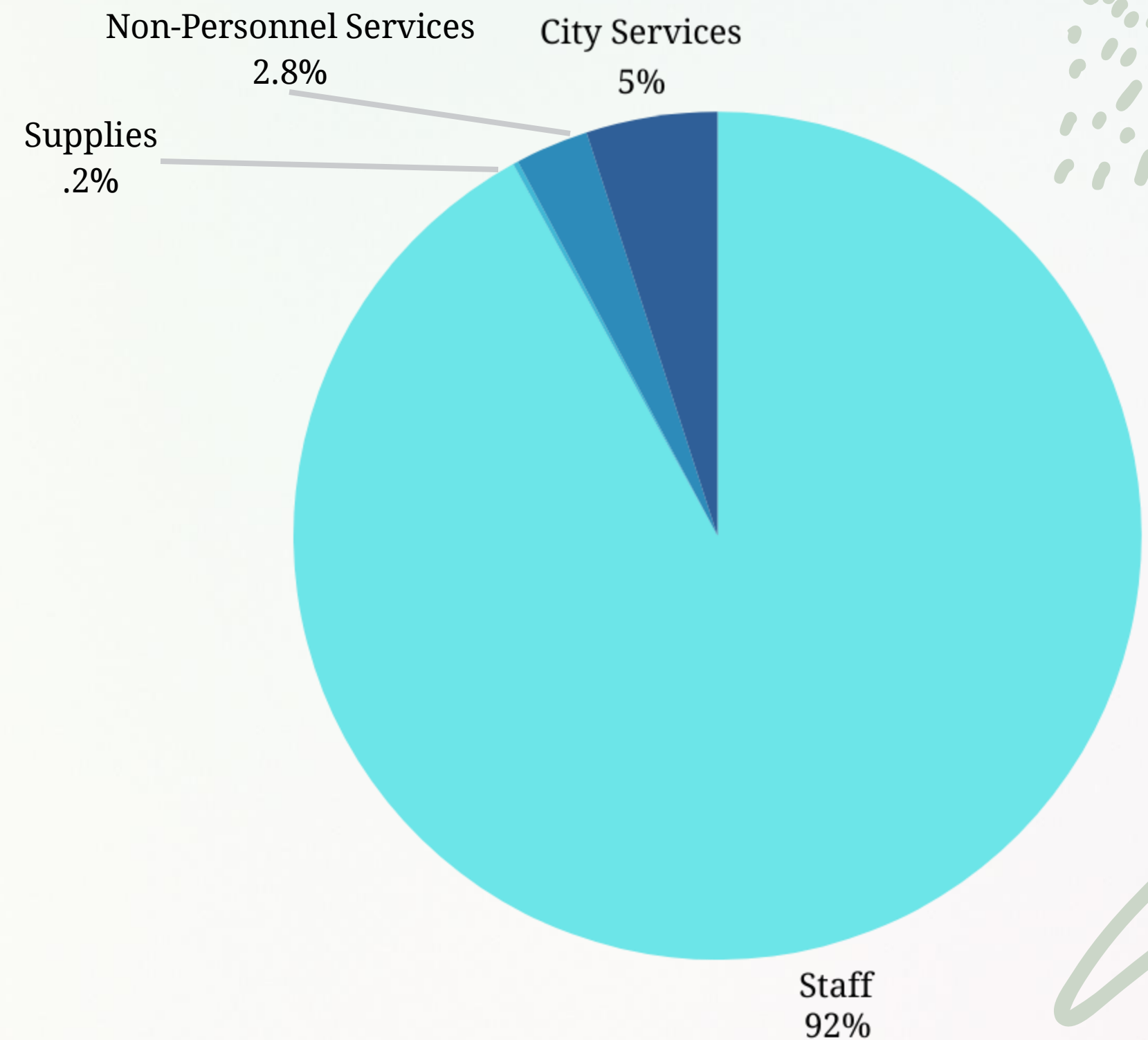
**We provide holistic defense by:**

- Connecting clients to mental health support, substance use treatment, and other services
- Advocating for diversion programs
- Supporting youth and their families in the juvenile court system
- Providing deportation defense to immigrants
- Hold law enforcement accountable and track police misconduct

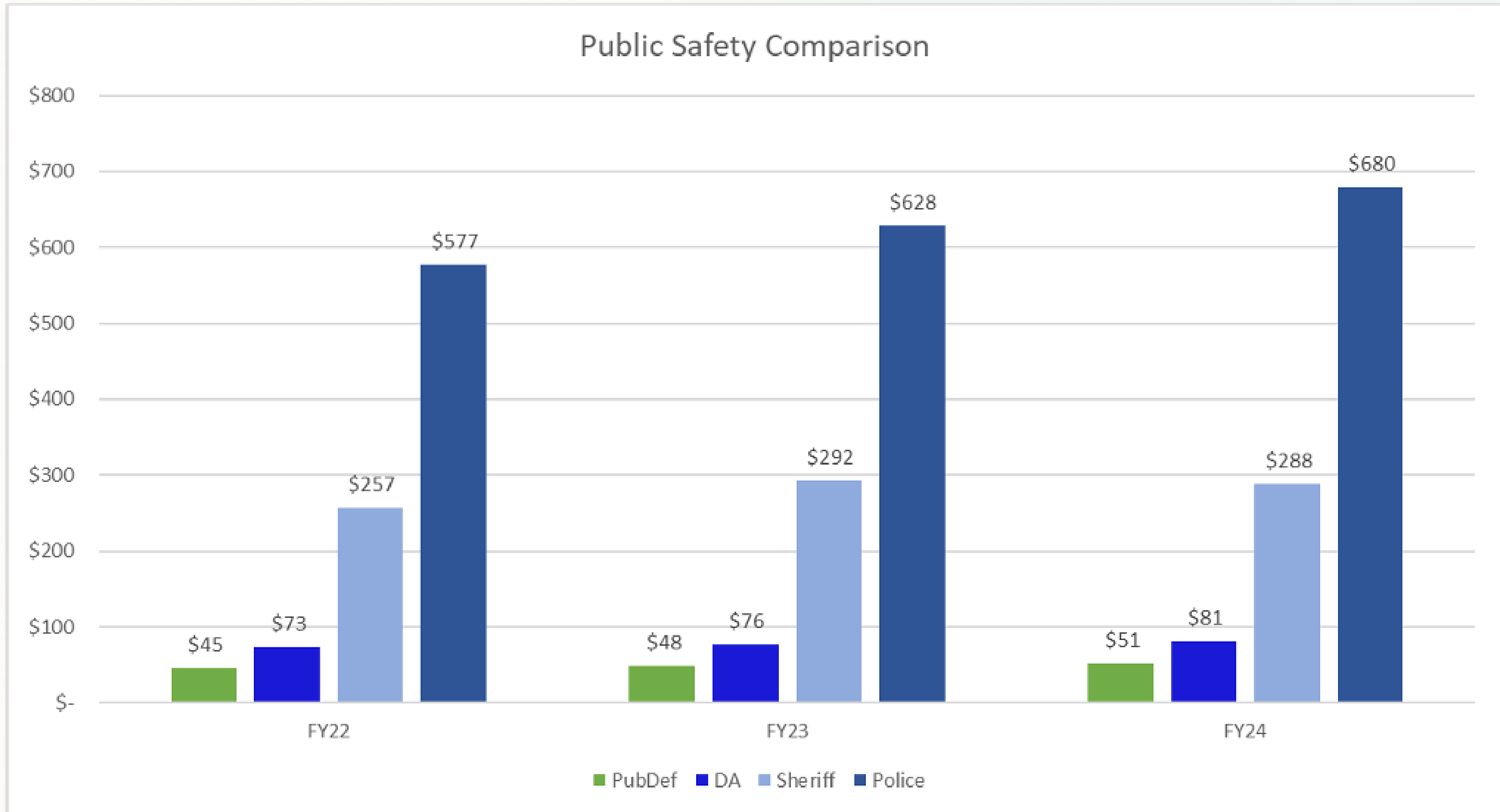


# *A Budget for Justice FY 24-25*

## Total Budget: \$54million

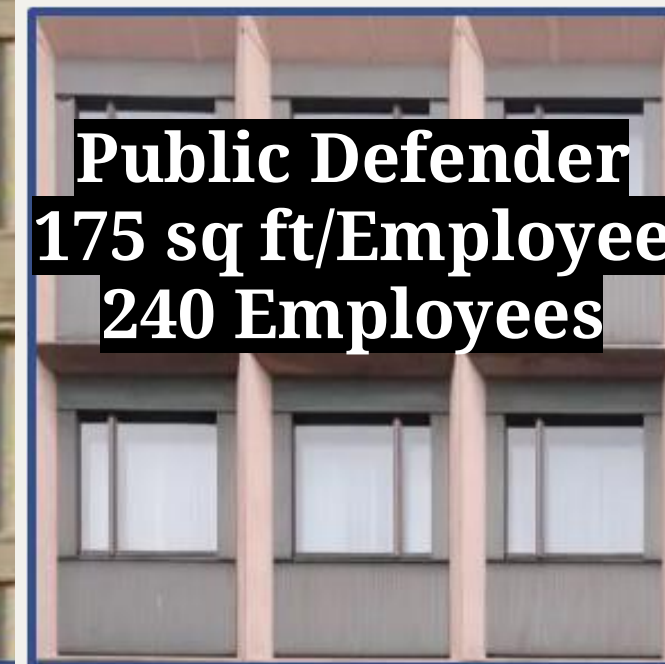
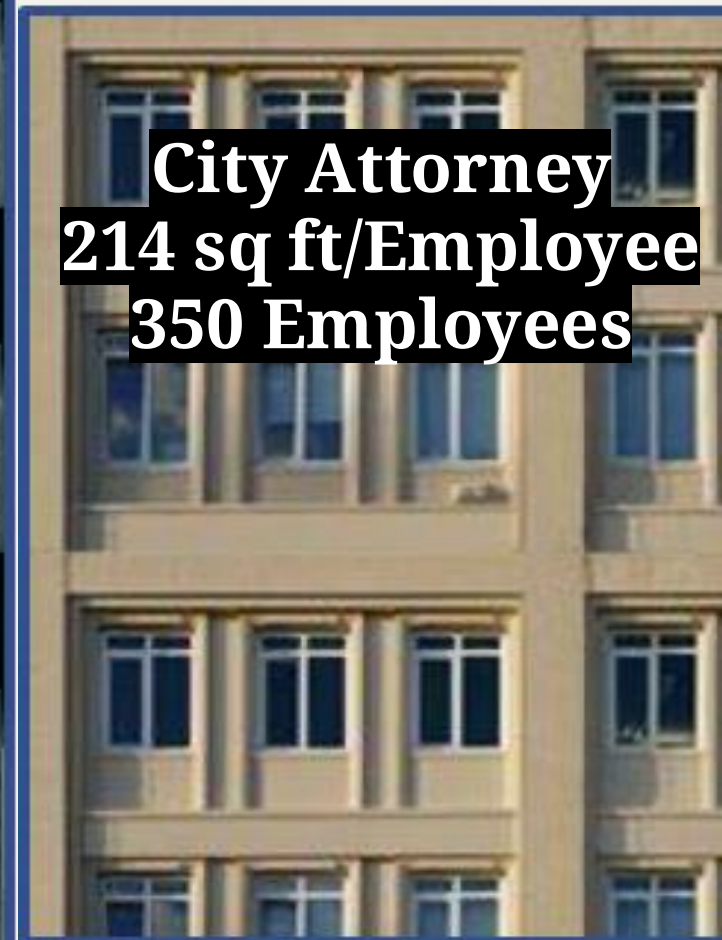


# *A Budget for Justice?*





# *A Call for Equity: Space and Staffing*





# 2025 Goals

- Obtain funding parity
- Respond to increased arrests and prosecutions and address rising public defender caseloads
- Continue to provide excellent and culturally competent indigent public defense
- Acquire more office space to support our existing services and community programs



- Establish more pathways for our clients to obtain housing, jobs, and education
- Educate community about rights with police and ICE
- Fight against attacks on immigrant community

# Call To Action

1) **Sign Up for action alerts** to support our office's budget:  
[bit.ly/SFPDRBudget2025](https://bit.ly/SFPDRBudget2025)



*Scan me*

2) **Advocate for our policy and funding priorities** that advance equity and justice in our criminal system.

3) **Follow us on social media:**

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**SAN FRANCISCO  
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Greater than one.



Thank you!  
Q&A

# Rec Park Proposed Budget

FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 & 2026-27



Inspire, Connect, Play!



# Agenda

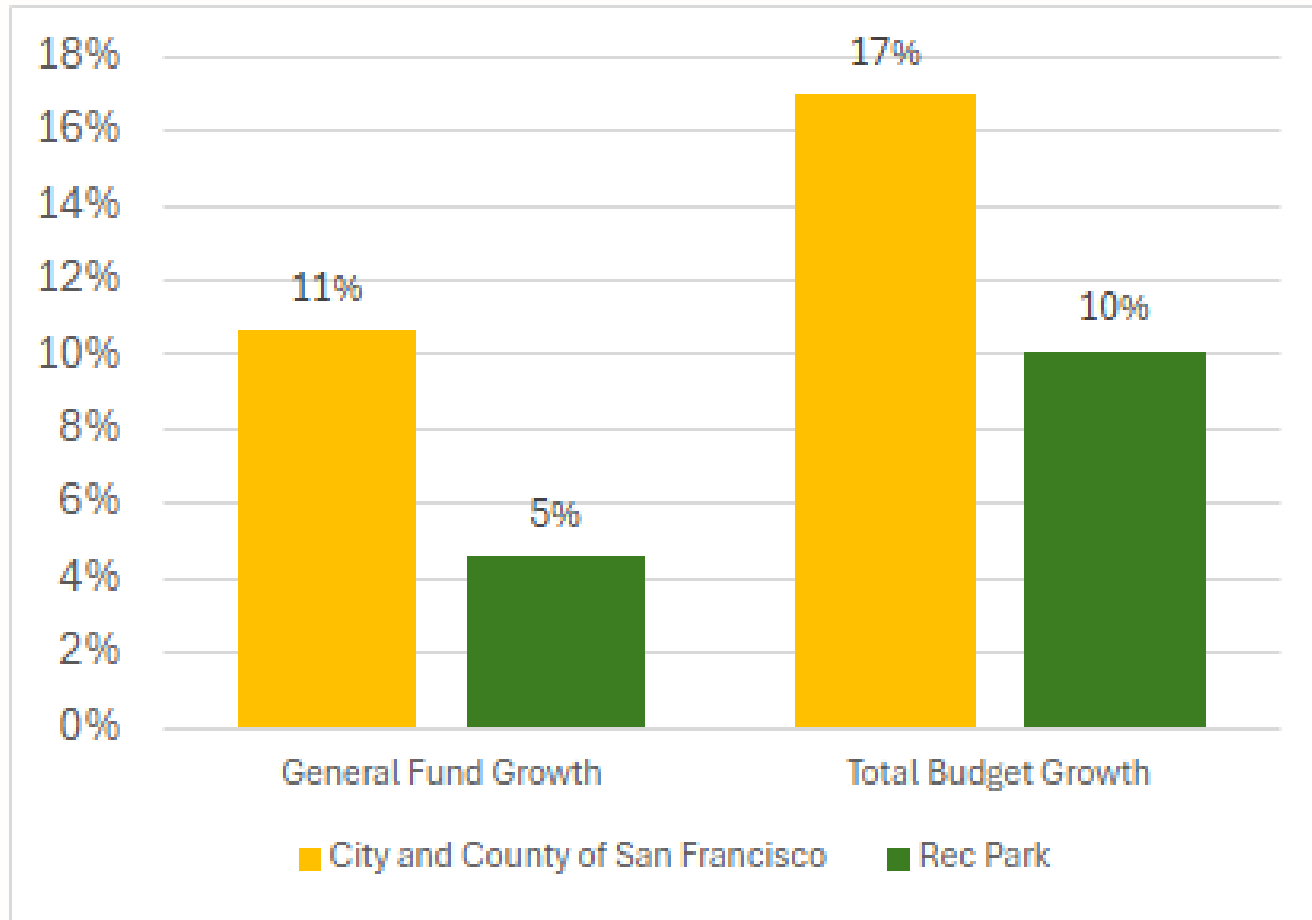
1. Financial Look Back and Forward
2. RPD Services and Priorities
3. Budget Balancing Principles
4. New Park Maintenance Agreements
5. Annual Capital and IT Submissions
6. Budget Initiatives and Efficiencies
7. Revenue Ideas from Staff
8. Potential FY 26-27 Public Impacts
9. Next Steps





# Look Back: Budget Growth FY 20-21 – FY 24-25

Rec Park's budget sources have grown more slowly than the overall City budget.



<i>in millions</i>	FY21	FY25	% Growth
Rec Park General Fund Support	83.4	87.2	5%
Rec Park Total Budget	231.6	254.9	10%
City General Fund	6,201.2	6,858.9	11%
City Total Budget	13,614.6	15,917.9	17%



# Look Back: City costs have increased more than revenue

As a baseline department, RPD is not guaranteed additional funding for City expenses that out pace its revenues.

Compared to FY20-21:

Total budget growth:

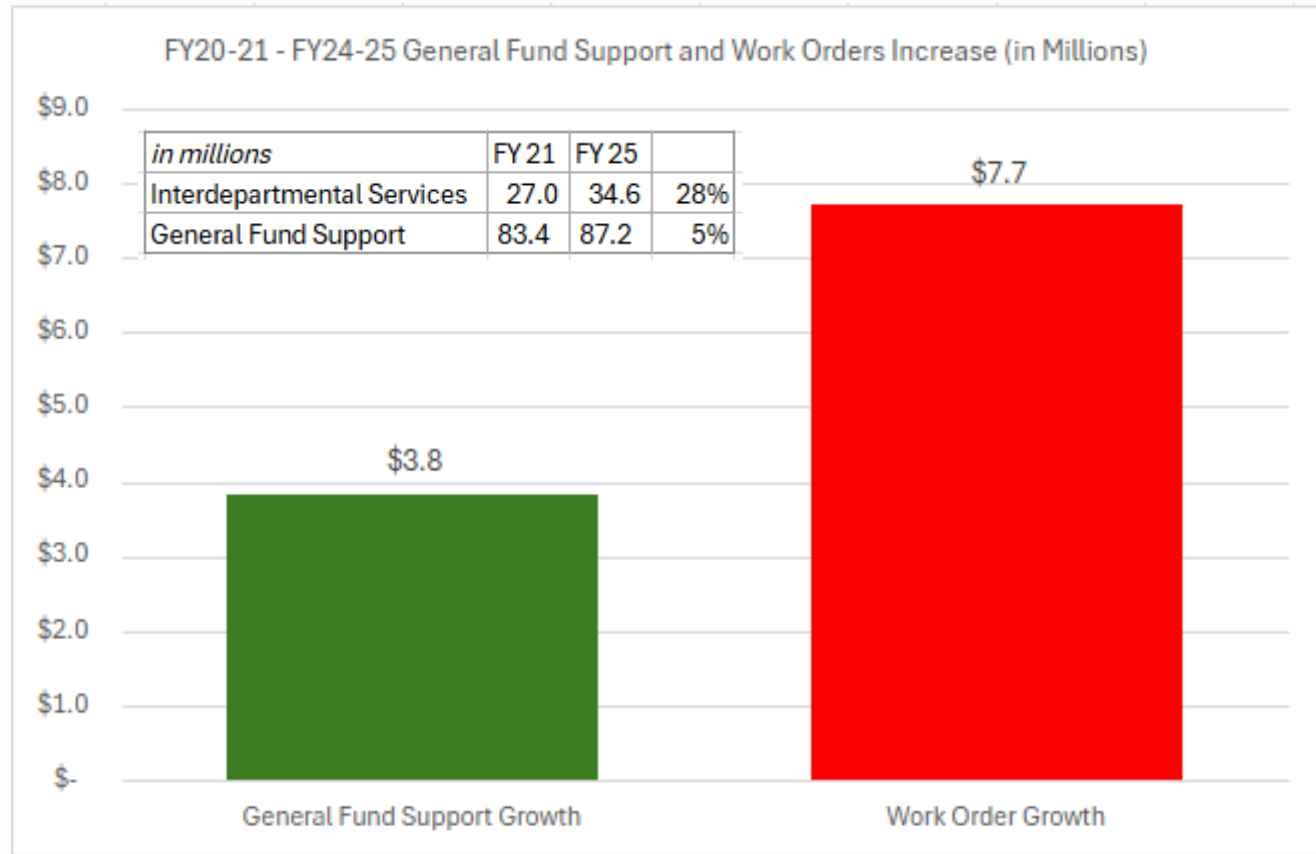
10%

Personnel pay growth:

19%

Interdepartmental services growth:

28%



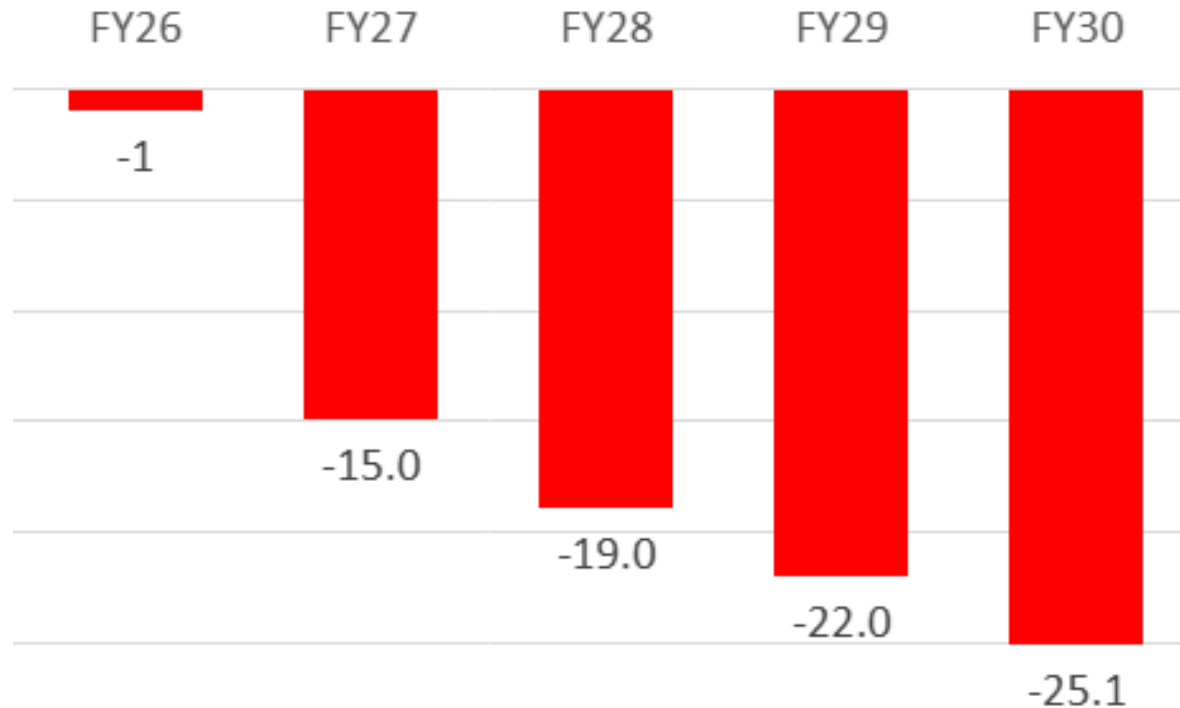
20-21	7/1/21	1/8/22	7/1/22	7/1/23	1/6/24	7/1/24	1/4/25	6/1/25	
Base Salary	3.50%	0.50%	5.25%	2.50%	2.25%	1.50%	1.50%	1.00%	
100	103.50	104.02	109.48	112.22	114.74	116.46	118.21	119.39	19%





# Look Forward: RPD 5 Year Financial Projection

AAO Budget projected with assumptions from the City Five Year Financial Plan, SFPUC data, and Departmental estimates.



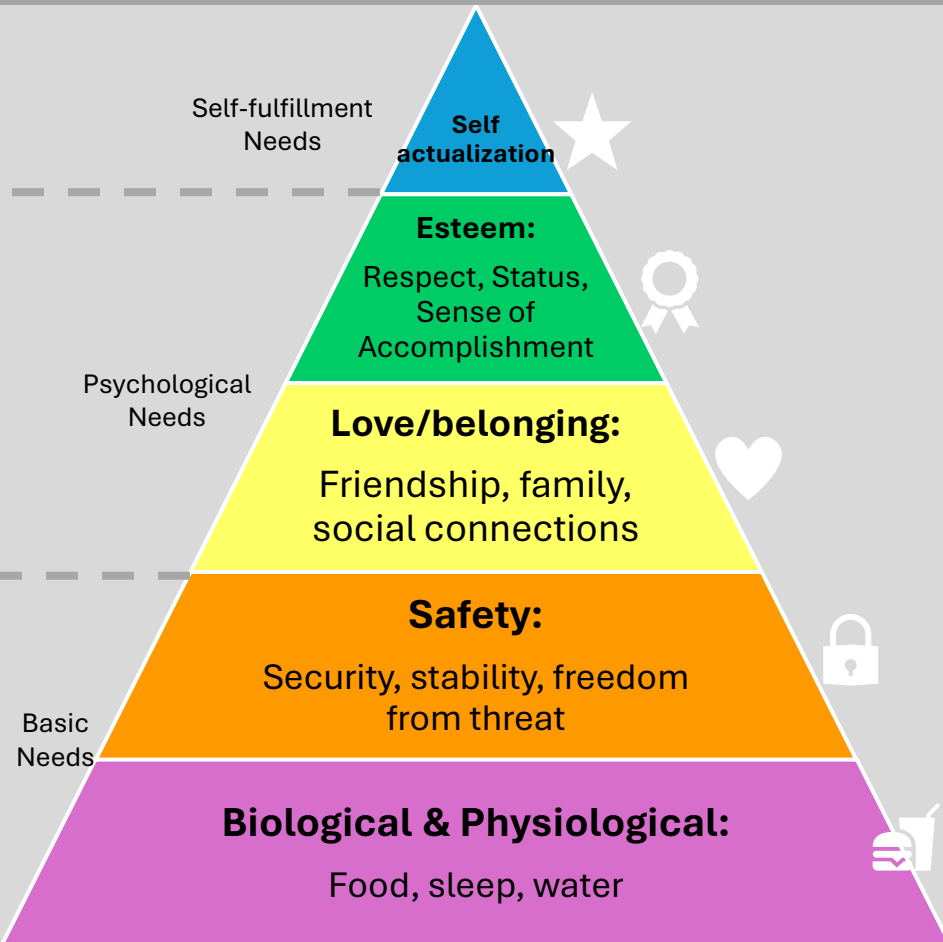
City deficit is \$876M over the next two years. RPD deficit is \$15M

FY 25-26 \$3M General Fund growth would be suspended if next year's deficit is above \$269.8M

FY 26-27, RPD General Fund is projected to increase by \$1.1M (increase based on a percentage of the City's aggregate discretionary revenue growth)

# RPD's Services & Priorities

## Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



## RPD's Services & Priorities

"Inspiring a more livable city for all, San Francisco's parks and recreation connect us to play, nature and each other" → A healthy and connected community where **people are active, engaged, and thrive.**

### Recreational and Wellness Programs

#### Workforce Development & Skill- Building Opportunities:

Apprentice Gardeners, Greenagers, Workreation, SFSU Interns, Public Service Trainees, City Hall Fellows, etc.

**Community & Connection:** Recreation programming and events, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships. Spaces for activities: play structures, tennis and basketball courts, fields, sports venues, trees, gardens, natural areas and lakes, marinas, golf courses, pools, camp, museums, and community gardens.

**Safety:** Park rangers, Rec center staffing, Park Stop Program, cameras, locks, alarms, fencing, windows, lighting, door entry systems, emergency response planning and resources, clear signage, and ADA compliant access.

**Amenities/Systems:** Clean and accessible restrooms and facilities; well-maintained parks and open spaces; and safe water drinking stations. (Includes electrical, plumbing, irrigation, etc.)



# Rec Park Commission Budget Balancing Principles

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1. Make budget choices that are responsible and responsive to the ongoing structural budget deficits facing our City and the Recreation and Park Department.
2. Make budget choices that best support the City's continuing economic recovery, and which most directly align with Mayor Lurie's priorities, our strategic plan and commitment to equity.
3. Make budget choices that continue to uphold the essential role parks play by ensuring our spaces remain safe, clean accessible and well programmed.
4. Make budget choices that honor voter investment in parks and facilities by minimizing cuts to dedicated funding for maintenance.



## Budget Balancing Principles (Continued)

5. Make budget choices that sustain our responsibility as environmental stewards and support the City's climate adaptation policies.
6. Make budget choices that best continue to support and cultivate a diverse, connected, and engaged workforce that delivers outstanding service.
7. Advance budget related policy decisions that best fulfill these principles by protecting investment in core services, by better aligning earned revenues and cost recovery strategies with best practices, and by utilizing new partnerships and emerging technologies to fulfill our mission as effectively and efficiently as possible.





# Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island



Treasure Island Development Authority park operations and maintenance interdepartmental services proposal

15 FTE

- 1 Manager I
- 7 Gardeners
- 2 Natural Resource Specialists
- 1 Park Section Supervisor
- 1 Plumber
- 1 Painter
- 1 Arborist Tech

FY 25-26 Management transition (\$0.6M)

- 6 months of the Manager
- 2 months for all other staff

FY 26-27 Park Maintenance transfer (\$3.5M)

Funding Source: Treasure Island Community Facility District funding

# Hunters Point Shipyard

Memorandum of Agreement developed with the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII). Upon approval, RPD would begin operations on July 1, 2025.

Base FY 25-26 budget approved last year - 5.0 FTE, \$1.1M

- 3.0 FTE Gardeners, 0.5 FTE Custodian, 0.5 FTE Supervisor, and 1.0 FTE of funding for Structural Maintenance

Funding Source: Community Facility District funding





# New Parks Projection and Budget

New Parks Projection	FY25-26	FY26-27	New FTE
India Basin Shoreline Park		\$0.8	3.6
India Basin Big Green		-	4.2
Great Highway	\$0.6	\$0.6	2.3
Twin Peaks Promenade	\$0.3	\$0.3	1.0
Herz Recreation Center	\$0.2	\$0.2	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.0</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>

The Department is funding 11.6 FTE for new and or improved park sites in this budget. The 4.2 FTE at India Basin Big Green will be reimbursed.



# Capital Planning & COIT Budget

## Capital Planning Budget

**\$15.0 M in FY 25-26 and \$15.5 M in FY 26-27**

Playground Maintenance: \$0.75M in FY 25-26, \$1M in FY 26-27

Court Resurfacing: \$0.88M in both years, an increase of \$0.12M from FY 24-25

Forestry: \$0.8M in both years

Paving: \$1M in both years

ADA: \$0.8M in both years

Playing Fields Replacement: \$3.2M in both years

## Committee on Infrastructure Technology (COIT) Request

- As part of the Mayor's priorities to maintain public safety and clean streets, we are requesting additional funding for security cameras: \$125K in year one and \$135K in year two.





# Recent Capital Work





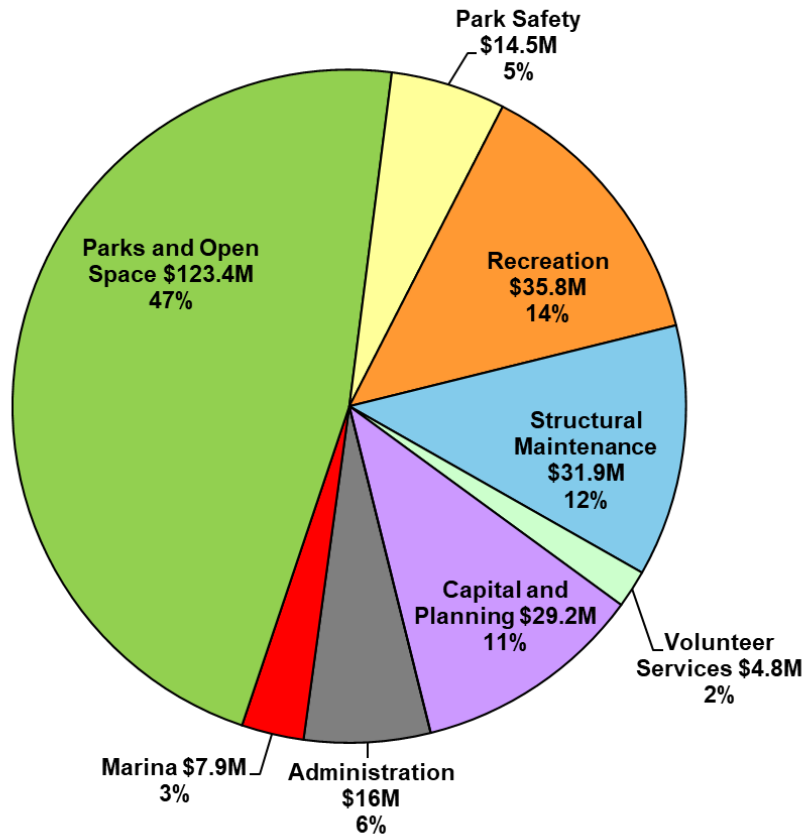
# FY 25-26 and FY 26-27 Budget Initiatives and Efficiencies





# Budget Summary

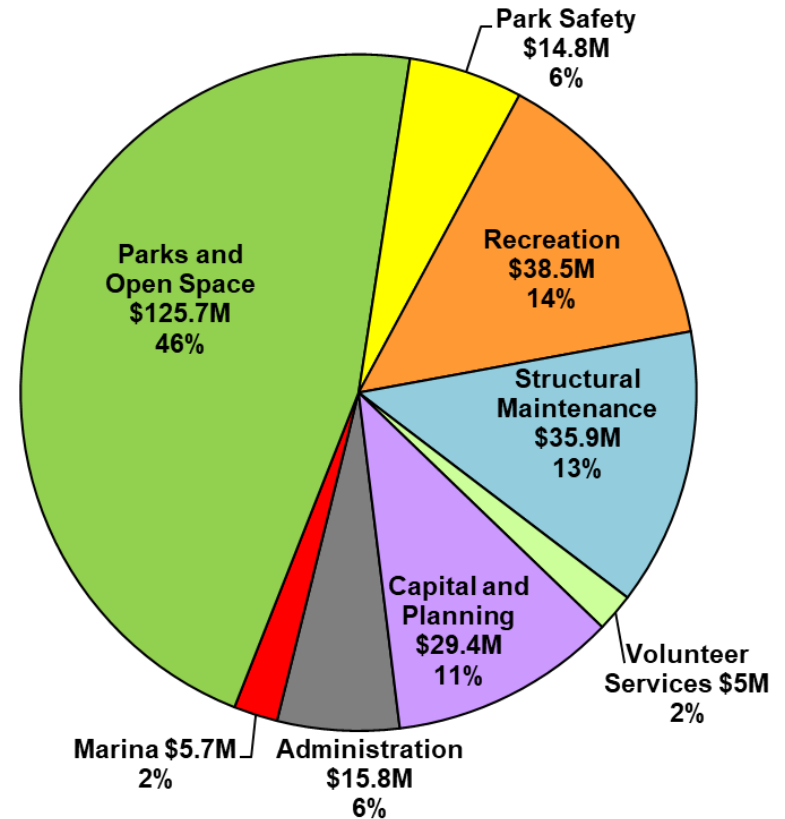
Recreation and Park Department FY25-26 Proposed Budget by Program \$263.5M



Budget by sources	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
General Fund Support	87.1	89.3	90.7
Annual Open Space	79.3	79.7	79.3
Earned Income	64.0	74.5	84.7
Other	24.4	20.1	16.0
<b>Total in \$ millions</b>	<b>254.9</b>	<b>263.5</b>	<b>270.7</b>

Totals calculated on the original (not rounded) figures

Recreation and Park Department FY26-27 Proposed Budget by Program \$270.7M



FY 26-27 \$70M Marina Project excluded

FY24-25 Budgeted FTE	FY25-26 Proposed FTE
1,019	1,010



# Recreation Scholarships & Cost Recovery



New scholarships and cost recovery model.

- Codify scholarship program
- Tiered cost recovery model
- Separate prices for youth, adults, and seniors
- Separate prices for individual benefit programs vs community benefit programs

FY 25-26 \$0.6M

FY 26-27 \$1.2M



# Court Reservations

Other cities like Berkeley, Burlingame, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Oakland charge court reservation fees.

Proposed \$1M in new revenue from implementing a \$5 per hour court reservation fee.



# Golf Courses

The Department will initiate a request for qualifications and/or proposals process for golf course operations and maintenance, including leases.

In FY 26-27, Rec Park assumes additional cost efficiencies and savings will be generated through this process and could provide capital improvements.

This budget proposal eliminates the general fund subsidy of roughly \$6M.





# Paid Parking



The Department is proposing a budget that assumes net revenue from paid parking implementation at Golden Gate Park of \$1.2M in FY 25-26 and \$9.2M in FY 26-27.

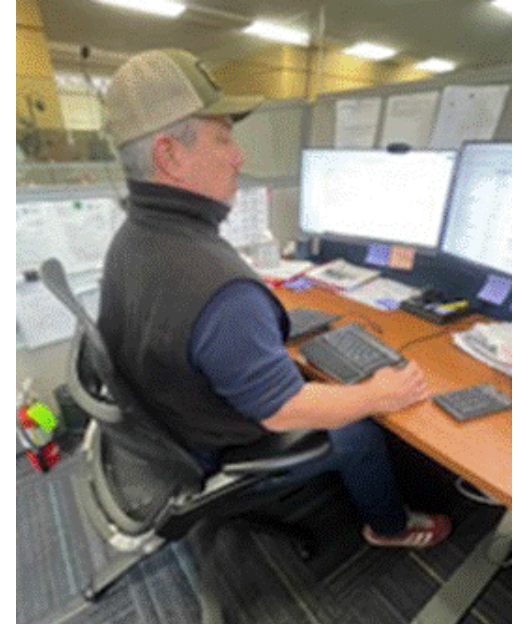
# Cost Efficiencies

Projected current year workers' compensation savings: \$0.2M

- Will result in FY 25-26 budget savings

Vehicle leasing and maintenance

- \$2.5M equipment budget
- \$0.5M for vehicle leasing
- New vehicles will
  - Reduce annual maintenance costs
  - Lower the average age of the fleet from 13.75 years
  - Improve emissions





# Examples of Revenue Ideas from Staff

- **Adult Sports League Expansion**
- **Camp Mather Rentals**
- Vending Machine Revenue
- Regulated Volleyball Zones
- Drop-in Sports Fees
- Stern Grove Storage Fees
- Pinball Machines in Rec Centers
- **Increased Sponsorships & Ads**
- **Seasonal Attractions & Festivals**
- Paid Locker Rentals
- Gift Certificates for Classes
- QR Code Donations
- Fundraiser 5K Run
- Adopt-a-Bison Program
- Expanded Rental & Permit Options



# Potential FY 26-27 public impacts if revenue does not increase



If the Department cannot solve its \$15M structural deficit in FY 26-27 our park system will suffer the following impacts:

## Park Cleanliness

- Reduce or Eliminate Gardener Apprenticeship Program
- Eliminate Restroom monitors
- Less frequent mowing of ball fields and meadows
- Reduced custodial services

## Recreation Programs

- Reduction in Recreation facility hours across the city from 60 hours to 40 hours per week.
- Closure of Mission Pool, and/or rotating pool closures
- Elimination of General Fund support at Camp Mather
- Fewer summer camps

## Park Safety

- Eliminate restroom monitors
- Reduction in Park Ranger services
- Increased backlog of deferred maintenance for playgrounds, ball fields, buildings, pools and parkland



# Budget Outreach and Schedule

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January 7	Virtual Community Budget Meeting
January 16	January presentation to Commission
January 22	All-Staff meeting
February 6	Operations Committee
February 20	Commission considers Budget
February 21	Budget submissions due to Mayor's Office and Controller's Office
March 4	Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
March 17	Youth Commission
March	March update to the Joint Report
June	Mayor submits proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors and Budget and Appropriations Committee hearings

# Thank you





1 [24-Divisadero MUNI Extension]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to extend the 24 bus**  
3 **from its ending place at Jackson and Weber St. to the Presidio Transit Center.**

4 WHEREAS, SFMTA reports that the 24 bus line currently serves a significant  
5 number of daily riders across San Francisco, with about 84,000 people riding it on  
6 average each week; and

7 WHEREAS, A large portion of the riders on the 24 bus line are students, with  
8 41% percent of daily riders being school or work commuters; and

9 WHEREAS, There is a lack of efficient and direct bus routes that cross the entire  
10 city, making it difficult for residents in neighborhoods like Bayview/Hunters Point to  
11 access key areas like the Presidio; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2022 Census Bureau reports that the Bayview/Hunters Point  
13 has a median household income of \$80,000, the 4th lowest in the city, which is  
14 significantly lower than the median income of neighborhoods like the Presidio, which  
15 stands at \$200,000, and

16 WHEREAS, The racial composition of the Bayview/Hunters Point is composed of  
17 African Americans, this neighborhood demographic being 26.9%, while the Presidio is  
18 primarily white (57.2%), highlighting disparities in both economic and racial  
19 demographics; and

20 WHEREAS, The proposed extension of the 24 bus line would pass 7 more  
21 schools, Convent & Stuart Hall, The Hamlin School, Sherman Elementary School,  
22 Galileo Academy of Science & Technology, Marina Middle School, Claire Lilienthal  
23 Elementary School, and the Bay School of San Francisco, improving accessibility for

1 students who currently face long and inefficient commutes; and

2 WHEREAS, It currently takes over an hour to travel from the Bayview/Hunters  
3 Point to the Presidio by public transit, not including transfers; and

4 WHEREAS, Extending the 24 bus line to the Presidio Transit Center would  
5 reduce cross-city travel time and provide a more accessible and direct route to the city's  
6 only national park; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco's geographical size makes it possible for a more  
8 interconnected public transit system, yet current bus routes fail to maximize the  
9 potential for cross-city travel in a timely manner; and

10 WHEREAS, The Presidio, being a national park with significant recreational  
11 value, serves residents city-wide, and better connecting it to low-income neighborhoods  
12 like the Bayview/Hunters Point would promote equal access to green spaces; and

13 WHEREAS, The extension of the 24 bus line would not only serve the  
14 Bayview/Hunters Point and the Presidio but also improve access to neighborhoods like  
15 the Marina and Pacific Heights, contributing to better mobility across the city; and

16 WHEREAS, The Presidio receives 9.5 million visits each year, more than  
17 Yosemite and the Grand Canyon; extending the line to the Presidio Transit Center will  
18 bring more revenue for the city; and

19 WHEREAS, The extension would create a more seamless connection between  
20 communities with diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, bridging a gap in  
21 equity and access to public services; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco's budget deficit is affecting the SFMTA's service, the  
23 ridership of many residents and tourists would boost the agency's revenue, resulting in



1 an overall benefit; and

2 WHEREAS, Extending the 24 aligns with the city's goals of creating more  
3 sustainable and inclusive urban mobility, supporting both residents' needs and San  
4 Francisco's long-term environmental goals; and therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, The Youth Commission believes that extending the 24-bus route to  
6 the Presidio Transit Center would address critical transportation inequities in San  
7 Francisco by connecting lower-income neighborhoods to the city's only national park,  
8 improving access to schools with high concentrations of students living farther south,  
9 and enhancing cross-city connectivity to make travel between neighborhoods more  
10 efficient in a geographically small yet major metropolitan area; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board  
12 of Supervisors to direct the SFMTA to prioritize extending the 24-bus route from its  
13 current stopping point at Jackson & Steiner Streets to Lombard Street, into the Presidio,  
14 ending at the Presidio Transit Center to create a more accessible and connected San  
15 Francisco.

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2    **from its ending place at Jackson and Weber St. to the Presidio Transit Center.**

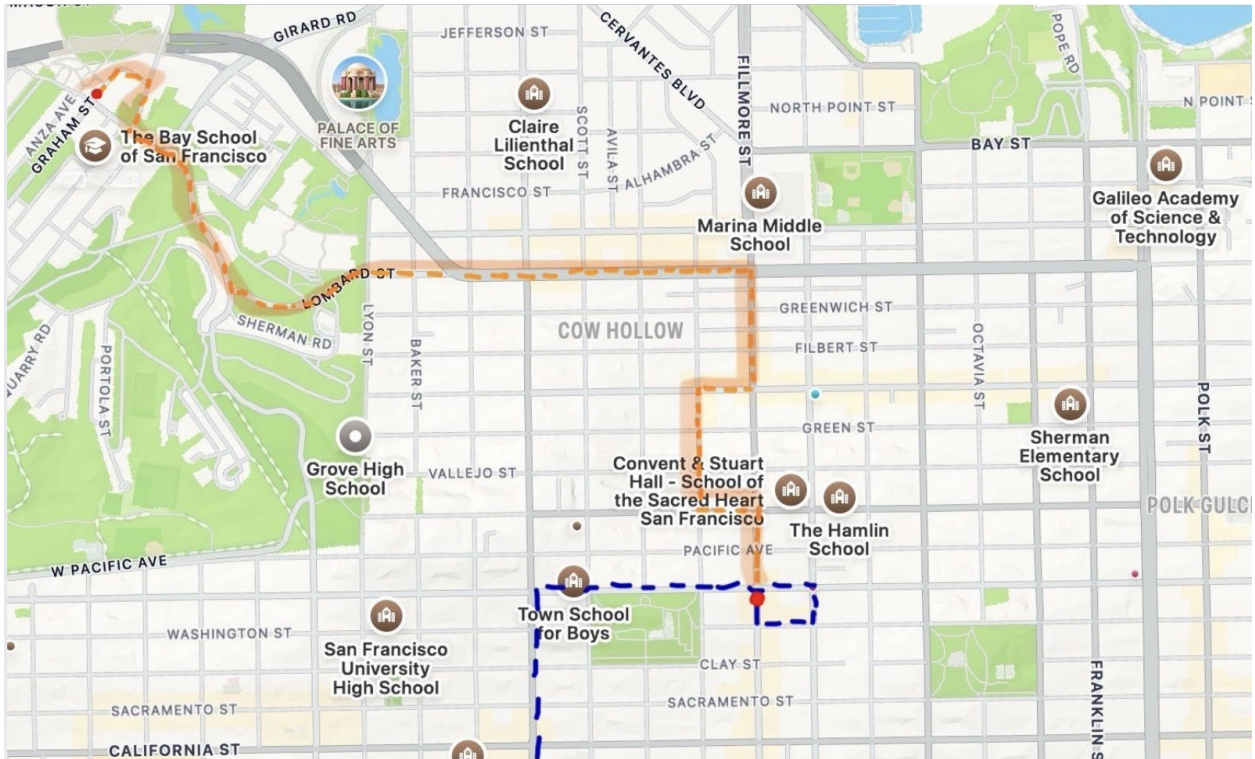
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4    **Supplemental Information:**

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6    See attached document [Picture]





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[SFUSD School Infrastructure]

**Resolution addressing concerns surrounding deteriorating school infrastructure, which negatively augments student experiences and abilities to learn.**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education recognizes that high-quality school infrastructure is vital to supporting student learning, stating “well-maintained facilities with healthy indoor environments yield better student performance and health, higher teacher retention, and reduced absenteeism”; and

WHEREAS, The Risk Strategy Group reported doors that lock act as a real barrier to active shooters, who usually try to impose maximum casualties as fast as possible; and

WHEREAS, The same report states that the time and effort that goes into breaching a locked door frequently causes shooters to move on targets that are easier to reach; and

WHEREAS, Having a door that locks from the inside, also known as a security lockset or a Columbine lock, is an important measure that allows teachers and students to protect themselves quickly during fast-moving active shooter emergencies and gives law enforcement enough time to respond; and

WHEREAS, Public announcement (PA) systems are critical for schools to send out important information during school emergencies and for efficient daily school operations; and

WHEREAS, 25% of SFUSD’s school sites require an upgrade in public announcement systems; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to school security and public announcement systems, the  
2 quality of bathrooms has been a persistent issue in SFUSD; and

3 WHEREAS, California Education Code § 35292.5 states, “Every restroom shall  
4 at all times be maintained and cleaned regularly, fully operational and stocked at all  
5 times with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand dryers”; and

6 WHEREAS, In reality, students often avoid using SFUSD school bathrooms  
7 because they are often flooded, broken, or unavailable due to plumbing problems,  
8 which causes students to be uncomfortable in class; and

9 WHEREAS, SFUSD has a Student Advisory Council that has advocated for  
10 better bathroom locks in the past, but these requests have gone unnoticed by higher-  
11 ups in SFUSD as improvements have not been implemented; and

12 WHEREAS, In November 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition A,  
13 which would raise \$790,000,000 in bond money for projects improving, repairing, and  
14 upgrading school sites, including modernizing plumbing and infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2023 and 2024 SFUSD Facilities Master Plan acknowledged  
16 the core functionality of school buildings and systems as a focal point of upcoming  
17 school site investments because of its strong impact on student comfort and the quality  
18 of student learning; and therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and  
20 the Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the San Francisco Unified School District to  
21 efficiently and effectively use existing funds to improve the quality of school site  
22 infrastructure, including restrooms, public announcement systems, and general security;  
23 and be it



1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the  
2 Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to work with SFUSD Board of Education and  
3 SFUSD Facilities to install and maintain Columbine Locks for all schools in SFUSD to  
4 bolster school safety; and be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor  
6 and the Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to set realistic  
7 goals to modernize school facilities, especially for restrooms to be all functional, kept  
8 open during school hours, and have adequate plumbing; and be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board to urge  
10 SFUSD to take into account more student opinions and voices to make these  
11 infrastructure changes by establishing a direct communication line between students,  
12 SFUSD Board of Education Members, SFUSD Facilities, and Principals.

[California Public Transit Funding]

**Motion to Request for \$2 Billion From the State Legislature in New Funding to Save and Improve Public Transit in the San Francisco Bay Area.**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission (SFYC) is committed to representing the interests, perspectives, and needs of youth in San Francisco and ensuring their voices are amplified in public policy decision-making spaces; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission has consistently advocated for improving public transit access, expanding transit reliability, and protecting critical programs that support youth, low-income people, and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, California's largest and most productive transit systems continue to face a severe and imminent operating deficit with nearly all agencies; and

WHEREAS, The operating deficit can have negative effects for youth accessing public transit in San Francisco by potentially losing access to Free Muni for Youth Program, minimizing the School Tripper Program, and cutting key service lines; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby urges the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to urge the California State Legislature to approve the \$2 billion request in new funding to save and improve public transit in the San Francisco Bay Area and California.

Youth Commission  
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March 17, 2025

Re: Request for \$2 billion in new funding to save and improve public transit

Dear Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Gabriel, Senator Richardson, and Assemblymember Bennett:

Public transit is the backbone of our state's economy, and it is essential for California to meet its climate and air quality commitments and make our state more affordable. Unfortunately, many transit agencies across the state continue to face dire fiscal challenges, and any cuts and closures will disproportionately impact essential workers, people of color, and working class families.

Therefore, the San Francisco Youth Commission respectfully and urgently request \$2 billion in new flexible funding for public transit over 2 years beginning in fiscal year 2025-2026 to help transit operators address operating shortfalls and deliver capital projects while they simultaneously work towards more sustainable revenue sources.

Unfortunately, while many agencies work toward new local funding solutions, they still continue to face significant fiscal pressures. These pressures come from the lingering effects of the pandemic, ongoing impacts of the pandemic on local and regional economies, safety concerns of





transit riders and operators, capital costs associated with maintenance, modernization, replacement, and expansion, as well as rising operating and capital costs.

The effects of the pandemic have been dramatic and ongoing, and it has impacted agencies unevenly because each agency has a different mix of revenue sources. Some agencies, especially those that were largely self-supporting pre-pandemic, continue to suffer the most, including the San Francisco Muni, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), AC Transit, and Caltrain, among others. Multiple public transit agencies are running out of time, and are likely to hit their fiscal cliffs before 2028.

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The largest and most productive operators in the state have the most acute operating shortfalls. Muni, BART, AC Transit, and Caltrain- account for more than 80% of the Bay Area's transit ridership and nearly a third of all ridership in the state. Given that they account for so much of California's transit ridership, their vulnerability jeopardizes the state's ability to reduce climate pollution and improve equity and affordability.

While some agencies have acute operating shortfalls, almost all agencies have significant needs for operating funding. Additional expenses to improve the cleanliness and safety, such as enhanced cleanings, fare inspectors, and crisis intervention specialists come from agencies' operating budgets. In the Bay Area, public transit is relied upon for getting to and from work, with more than 800,000 jobs within walking distance to a BART station and over 70% of all BART trips start or end in BART.

Youth in San Francisco and across the Bay Area heavily depend on utilizing public transit to get to and from school. Currently the San Francisco Unified School District and other educational institutions do not provide transit to school, so many students depend on public transit to get to school. If the deficit continues to grow and not be addressed, youth in San Francisco risk having their free transit program be removed from the operating budget in the next fiscal year. 52% of students attending the San Francisco Unified School District are low-income and will not be able

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to afford any new transit fee increases if that were to be implemented. Public transit for youth is a lifeline that needs to be protected and ensured.

California has ambitious goals that depend on high-quality public transit across the state. To achieve those goals, public transit will need more funding. Thank you for considering our request and for once again recognizing the critical role of public transit in California, now and in the future. For all these reasons, we urge you to provide \$2 billion in new flexible funding for public transit over 2 years beginning in fiscal year 2025-2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jason Fong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason Fong  
Chair, San Francisco Youth Commission 2024/2025

Dear Youth Commission,

Please accept this letter as formal notice that Commissioner Paea has effectively resigned.

Here's Commissioner Paea's Attendance Record:

Full Youth Commission 10/21/24 (EXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 01/06/25 (EXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 01/18/25 (UNEXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 01/19/25 (UNEXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 02/18/25 (UNEXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 02/24/25 (UNEXCUSED)

Full Youth Commission 03/03/25 (UNEXCUSED)

Transformative Justice Committee 10/28/24 (EXCUSED)

Transformative Justice Committee 01/3/25 (EXCUSED)

In accordance with Sec. 4.123. Youth Commission Membership; Appointment; Terms; Meetings; Compensation; Director, sub-section (c) Removal of Members of the San Francisco Charter, "Any member whom the Commission certifies to have missed three regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission in any six month period without authorization of the Commission shall be deemed to have resigned from the Commission effective on the date of the written certification from the Commission. "

Youth Commission Staff recognize with all Commissioner Paea's unexcused absences, it is deemed they have resigned from the San Francisco Youth Commission.

The Youth Commission must take action to affirm the resignation at the next scheduled meeting, March 17, 2025. Article IV, Section C of the San Francisco 24-25 Bylaws states "After a Commissioner has been found to have missed 3 meetings, Commission staff shall prepare a written resignation form to be voted on by the full Commission at the next full Commission meeting. The Commissioner shall have an opportunity to account for their absences prior to the Commission's vote to certify a resignation. Only by supermajority vote shall the full Commission have the power to not certify such a Commissioner's resignation. "

Sincerely,

Youth Commission Staff