

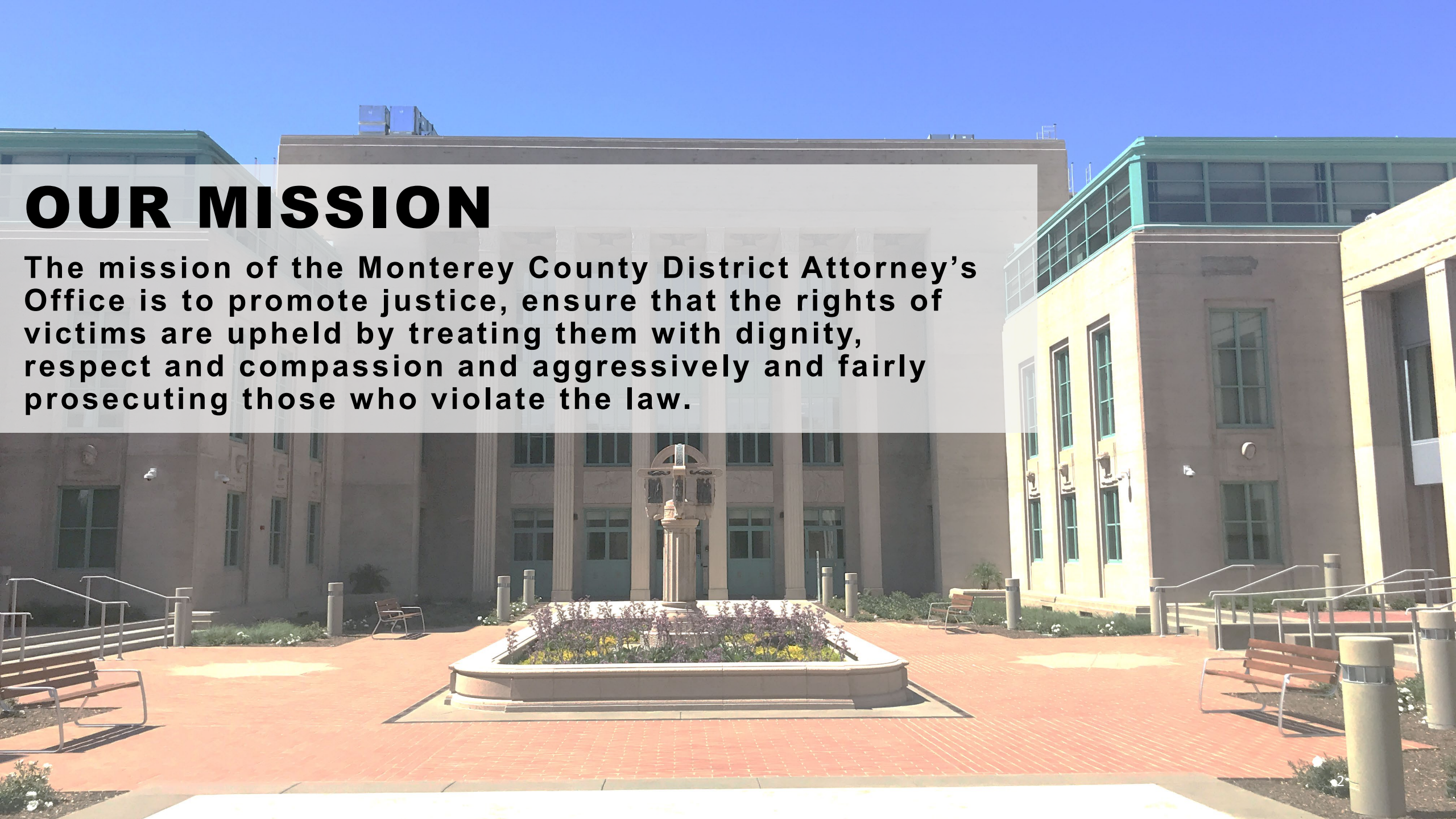
MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET PRESENTATION 2025-2026

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District Attorney**



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office is to promote justice, ensure that the rights of victims are upheld by treating them with dignity, respect and compassion and aggressively and fairly prosecuting those who violate the law.



OFFICE LOCATIONS

Criminal Unit:
Salinas

Consumer &
Environmental:
Monterey

South County
Victim
Services:
King City

Salinas

142 W. Alisal St. Ste A, Salinas, CA 93901

Monterey

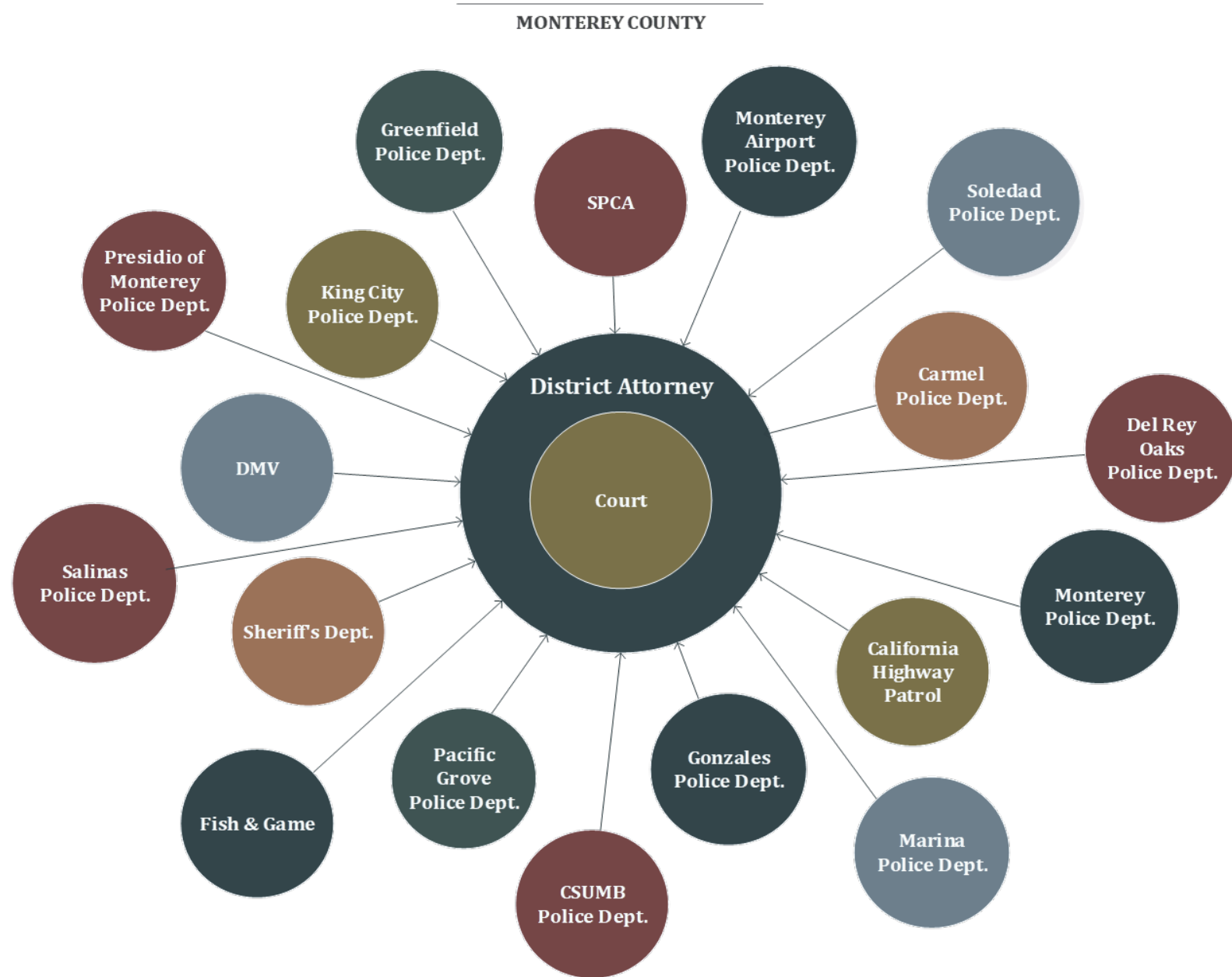
1200 Aguajito Rd. Room 301, Monterey, CA 93940

King City

250 Franciscan Way, King City, CA 93960

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

MONTEREY COUNTY



CRIMINAL DIVISION – 2024 STATISTICS

CORE SERVICES

CRIMINAL CASES

Reviewed – 13,797
Filed – 10,788

TRUANCY

Mediations – 1183
Cases Filed – 230

Two Attorneys handle
this entire caseload

VICTIM SERVICES

31,214 DOJ
Mandated Services
to
4830 Victims

1,150 services to 245
victims weekly

JUVENILE HALL

19 Individuals in JH on
1st degree murder –
some of them have
committed multiple
murders

8 Individuals in JH on
attempted murder

CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT

Served 23 search
warrants resulting in
removal of:
33 tons of process
cannabis flower
62 tons of cannabis
plants
30 lbs. of cannabis
concentrate

District Attorney's Cold Case Task Force

4 – Murder convictions following a trial – oldest occurring in 1981

2 – Guilty pleas on murder

3 – Solved murders where the perpetrator was deceased or not able to stand trial

6 – Perpetrators pending trial for 8 murders

1 – Perpetrator pending trial for sexual assault

10 Unidentified remains – identified

45 additional cases under review

Over 500 unsolved homicide cases in Monterey in the last 25 years

South Monterey County Family Justice Center



Holding
on to Hope

Who We
Serve

Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,
child abuse, elder abuse and human trafficking

What
We Do

Government and non-profit agencies work
together in one location

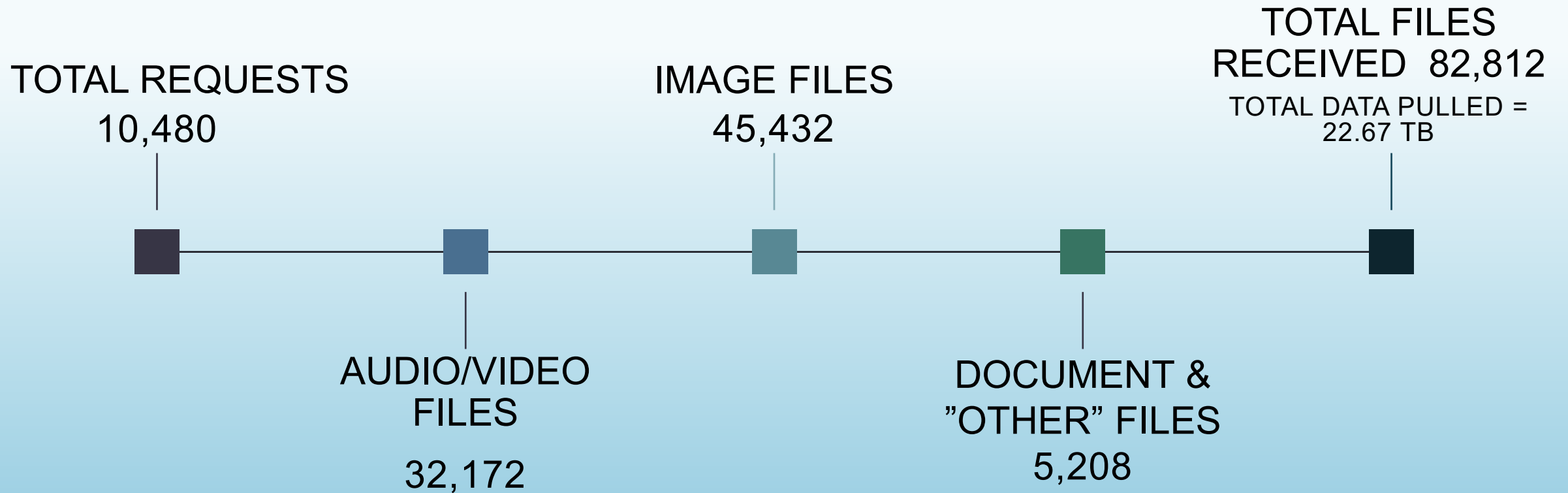
Why

To end the cycle of violence and ensure survivors
have access to the resources they need to heal,
thrive, and feel empowered

The
Need

2,443 Services to 254 Victims

DIGITAL DISCOVERY 2024



DA Offices Cost Analysis

FY 2022 - 2023

County	DA NCC	DA Cases Filed	DA Percentage of NCC vs Total Budget
Marin	\$ 8,746,660	3,046	63%
Napa	\$ 9,522,892	2,582	63%
Ventura	\$ 43,510,325	14,615	67%
Santa Cruz	\$ 15,316,190	5,391	66%
Solano	\$ 19,968,265	5,124	59%
Placer	\$ 19,126,302	7,328	62%
Sonoma	\$ 19,642,153	8,884	62%
San Luis Obispo	\$ 14,086,073	8,519	62%
Tulare	\$ 24,621,758	11,483	82%
Santa Barbara	\$ 17,142,400	8,746	53%
San Benito	\$ 2,414,248	1,586	87%
Monterey	\$ 20,465,594	12,006	51%

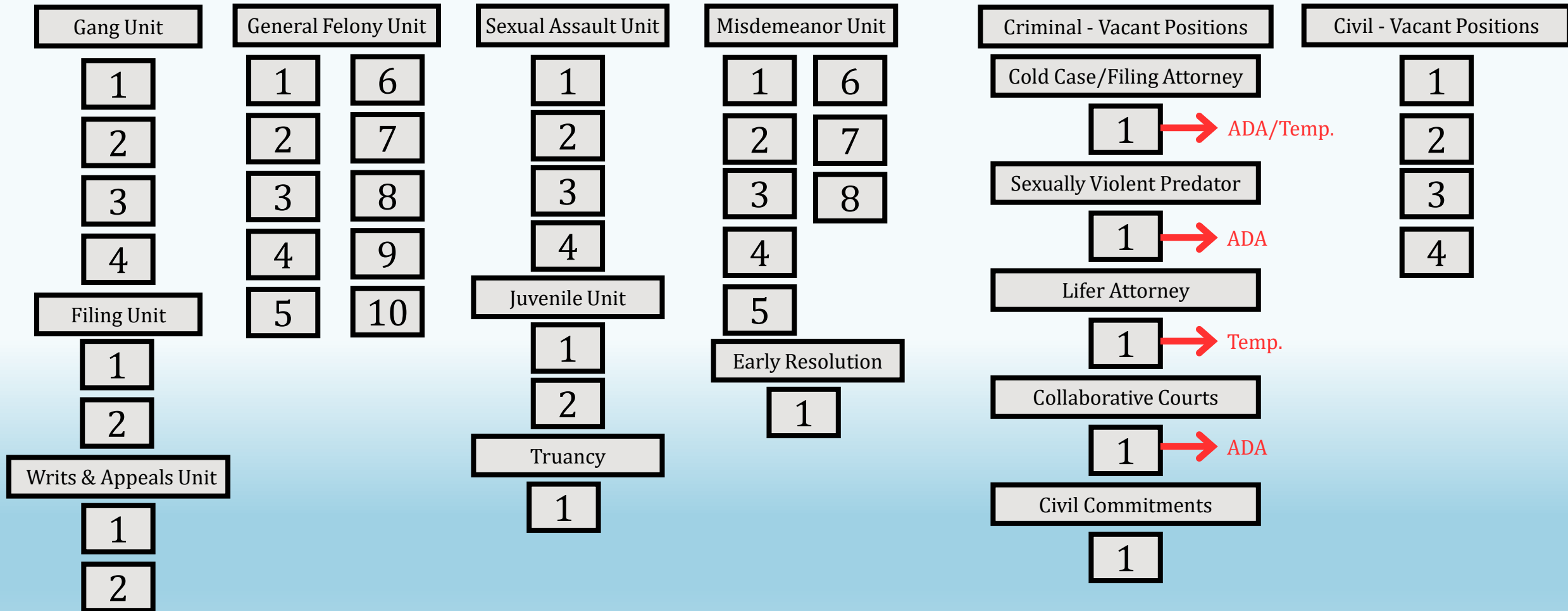
WAGE ADJUSTMENTS & RAISES- FOR 2025-2026

Position	% Wage Increase	Cost
Deputy District Attorneys	13.03%	\$2.5 Million
Legal Secretaries	6.57%	\$310 K
Investigators - pending	9.14%	\$720 K
All Others	~4%	\$1.5 Million
	Total:	\$5 Million

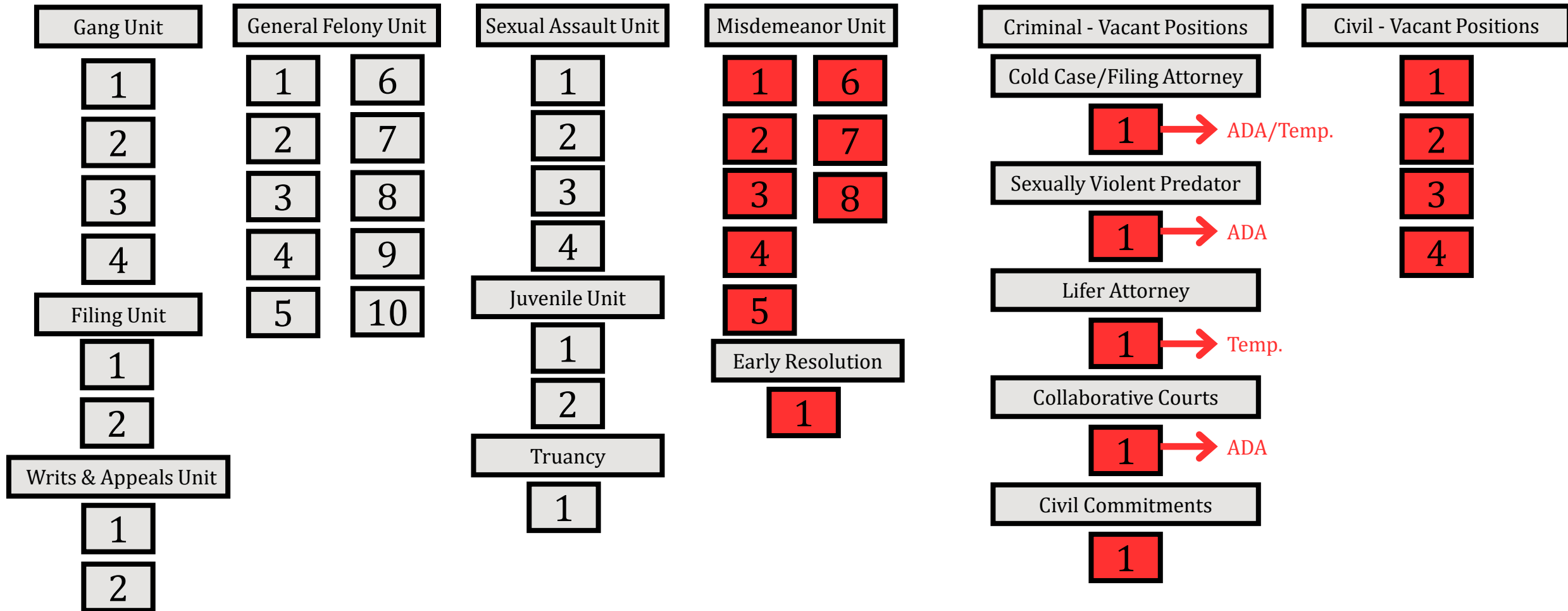
Baseline funding requires cuts:

(18) Deputy District Attorneys (42% of current GF Attorneys)	\$3,228,323
(4) Investigators (37% of current GF Investigators)	\$842,578
(2) Victim Advocates	\$260,432
(2) Legal Secretaries	\$244,064
TOTAL	\$4,575,397

Current General Fund Attorney Positions



General Fund Attorney Positions After 42% Cuts



General Fund Investigators

37% Cut

1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

What Cutting Staff Means:

72% increase in caseload average per general fund attorney

Options:

- Not prosecute misdemeanors: DUI, DV, Child Abuse, Misd Sexual Assault, Vehicular homicides
- Reallocate remaining resources from Murder, Gang, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Carjacking, and Burglary prosecutions resulting in less accountability and worse outcomes

Proposition 36

Monterey County Voters passed Proposition 36 by 63%.

Voters want enforcement on theft and narcotics offenses.

Removal of 18 prosecutor positions make it impossible to enforce all misdemeanors which include theft and narcotics offenses, and more importantly DUI and Domestic Violence.

Side effects of these cuts mean the offenses occurring in the incorporated areas, to include Salinas, Monterey, Seaside, Marina and King City, and the unincorporated areas may not be prosecuted.