

MOE Budget 2023-2024

**Alameda County
District Attorney's
Office Presentation**

**Pamela Y. Price
District Attorney**



DISTRICT ATTORNEYS have significant decision-making power and the decisions they make have a big impact on the community.

We decide whether criminal charges are brought to court, which cases are dismissed or diverted from court, and — to some extent — the sanctions that people convicted of crimes will face. We also hold people accountable who engage in fraudulent activity or pollute or damage our environment. We also participate in the administration of Alameda County's juvenile justice system.



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1853**

Our Mission

To advance an ethical and equitable system of justice to protect public safety, support survivors and witnesses and uphold the rights of the accused. To sustain a safe and livable community through fair, transparent, and responsible administration of justice; restore public trust, end mass incarceration, root out racial, socioeconomic and gender disparities; provide compassionate support for harmed persons; create innovative programs to enhance the lives of vulnerable and underrepresented populations, reintegrate and redeem our returning citizens, empower families, and guide youth for a bright, healthy future.



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Our Mandate

The California Constitution, California Codes, and case law define the duties of the District Attorney. We represent the People of the State of California in criminal, civil and juvenile matters. The DA investigates and prosecutes crimes and brings civil actions involving consumers, workers, real estate and environmental matters. We are the stewards for racial justice in the criminal justice system under the Racial Justice Act. The DA also serves as the Legal Advisor to the Grand Jury.



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The DA Victim Witness Assistance program provides support and advocacy for victims and witnesses of crime. We notify crime victims of their rights, ensuring that those rights are upheld. We assist all victims in bringing claims for services and compensation through the State of California. Victim-witness advocates are trained to offer trauma-informed and compassionate support to crime victim survivors. Our program includes victims of police violence and emphasizes serving children who have been exposed to or experienced traumatic violence.

Our Locations

1. Rene C. Davidson Courthouse – Oakland
2. Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse – Oakland
3. East County Hall of Justice – ECHOJ - Dublin
4. Fremont Hall of Justice – Fremont
5. CALICO - San Leandro
6. Consumer, Environmental & Worker Protection – Oakland
7. Juvenile Justice - San Leandro
8. Victim & Witness Assistance – Oakland
9. Family Justice Center - Oakland





Our History

Since 1938, our District Attorney has been appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors or ran unopposed in their election debut. The sitting DA would retire and the Board of Supervisors would appoint the retiring DA's choice - before the election cycle. This set up a legacy of incumbents who historically ran unopposed for those seats.



**EARL
WARREN**
1925-1938



**J. FRANK
COAKLEY**
1947-1969



**JOHN J.
MEEHAN**
1981-1994



**NANCY
O'MALLEY**
2009-2022

1938-1947
**RALPH E.
HOYT**



1969-1981
**D. LOWELL
JENSEN**



1984-2009
**TOM J.
ORLOFF**



2023-PRESENT
**PAMELA Y.
PRICE**



Our Transformation in The Making

“There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they’re falling in.”

- Desmond Tutu



Meet Your DA Pamela Y. Price



Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Y. Price is a graduate of Yale College and UC Berkeley Law School, and a survivor of the Ohio juvenile justice and foster care systems. Before being elected District Attorney in 2022, she trail-blazed a career fighting for justice for everyday people in state and federal courts.

She built a successful law-firm, coordinated teams of lawyers across the country and successfully argued a landmark racial harassment case before the United States Supreme Court. DA Price has represented countless victims of retaliation, wrongful termination, sexual assaults, sex, age, religion, disability, and race-based discrimination. Her clients included nurses, doctors, electricians, oil workers, teachers, office workers, police officers and correctional officers from all walks of life.



Our Leadership Team

**CHIEF ASSISTANT
OTIS BRUCE, JR.**

**CHIEF ASSISTANT
ROYL L. ROBERTS**

**POLICY DIRECTOR
CYNTHIA CHANDLER**

**CIVIL RIGHTS
BUREAU CHIEF
KWIXUAN MALOOF**

**GENDER JUSTICE
BUREAU CHIEF
ANNIE ESPOSITO**

**CONSUMER & CIVIL
JUSTICE BUREAU CHIEF
SIMONA FARRISE BEST**

**VICTIM/SURVIVOR/WITNESS
SERVICES DIRECTOR
KRISTINA MOLINA**

**INSPECTORS BUREAU
CHIEF ERIC LEWIS**

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT
BUREAU MANAGER
(TO BE ANNOUNCED)**



Our Structure

Bureaus & Units

**CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS
BUREAU**

**CONSUMER JUSTICE
BUREAU**

**GENDER JUSTICE
BUREAU**

**CIVIL RIGHTS
BUREAU**

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT
BUREAU**

YOUTH JUSTICE BUREAU

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
BUREAU**

**INSPECTORS
BUREAU**

**COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU**



In Our Office

Attorneys: 150

Ranging from Assistant DAs to Deputy DAs – Criminal to Civil

Advocates: 35

Victim/Survivor/Witness, Mental Health, Family Justice and Reentry

Inspectors: 75

P.O.S.T certified, case investigations and security

Operations Staff: 130

Administrative, Communications, Research, IT, HR, & Paralegal



Casework

More than 40,000 cases are presented to our office each year for charging consideration by police and other law enforcement agencies across the County and the State.



Criminal Prosecution Bureau

The Criminal Prosecution Bureau handles all adult misdemeanor and felony prosecutions throughout the County with offices in four courthouses: Oakland, Dublin and Fremont



Civil Rights Bureau

Public Accountability Unit

- Recently established, the PAU is tasked with holding law enforcement and public officials accountable for misconduct.
- Former Alameda DA Earl Warren who went on to become U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice focused on addressing police misconduct when he was DA.
- Our Civil Rights Bureau will also focus on promoting Restorative Justice, enforcing the Racial Justice Act and resentencing cases after a wave of reform legislation passed at the State level and supported overwhelmingly by Alameda County voters.



Victim/Survivor/Witness Advocates

Alameda County District Attorney's Office provides a variety of services for crime survivors/victims, witnesses, and their families, as they work through the emotional trauma of their experience.

We are aware of, and are concerned about, the consequences that crime survivor/victims, witnesses and their families experience as a result of the crime. Weeks, even months after the crime, many individuals still experience problems and challenges due to the crime. This unit is dedicated and designed to alleviate as many of these issues as we can.



Marsy's Law

**Enacted with the passage of Proposition 9 in 2008
(California Victims' Bill of Rights)**

**The Act protects and expands the legal rights of
victims of crime in the judicial process.**

**Key components: Legal standing for crime victims,
protection from the defendant, notification of all
court proceedings, restitution, greater powers to
deny parole granted to parole boards.**



Family Justice Center

Provides resources and supportive services to survivors in need:

- Domestic Violence & Stalking
- Sexual Assault & Exploitation
- Child Abuse & Abduction
- Elder & Dependent Abuse
- Human Trafficking

470 27th Street, Oakland, CA 94612



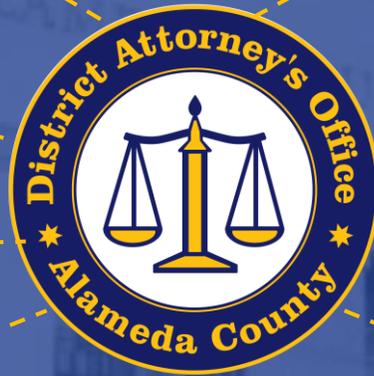
CARES Navigation Center

Provides resources and diversion services to residents in crisis as alternative to prosecution or incarceration:

- Health & Wellness Checks
- Risk Reduction Plans
- Misdemeanor Diversion
- Navigation to Housing & Resources
- Respite Period

3315 International Blvd., Oakland, CA

EXPANDING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS



African American Sports and Entertainment Group

Roots Community Health Center

Anti-Recidivism Coalition

USF Racial Justice Clinic

Creating Restorative Opportunities and Programs

East Bay Community Law Center

Be a Mentor Network

Drum Major Institute

DA Accountability Table

HUMAN IMPACTS ON FUNDING REDUCTIONS

COUNTY BUDGET:

Inability to allocate sufficient resources to address the Racial Justice Act

1.

Diversion of resources from one area to another to meet mandates, diminishing existing service expectations to county businesses and residents

2.

Increased wait times to receive services for re-entry, diversion, and victims of crime, increasing chances of revictimization, increased suffering, and delayed justice, increasing stress on the community

3.

4.

Limit the ability to adequately train and retain staff, eroding the quality of services to county business and residents

5.

Eliminate the opportunity to implement my 10 point plan for the office, the platform the people elected me for



District Attorney Vision 2026



CRIME FREE COUNTY

Develop evidence-based community justice alternatives. Expand programs for alternatives to incarceration through Collaborative Courts while expanding access to restorative justice programs.

Expand the "3-D" Initiative CARES Navigation Center for individuals experiencing mental health or substance abuse issues by increasing outreach to law enforcement and better monitoring of services and outcomes.

Reduce recidivism through proven programs that create opportunities for individuals to move away from crime and support the keys to successful reentry: housing, employment and mentorship.



SAFE AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Ensure that every victim of crime is treated with respect, dignity, empathy, and emotional support, receives information regarding their rights as a victim of crime and trauma-informed support to recover from the harm suffered. Ensure that witnesses receive trauma-informed support and where appropriate, relocation and financial assistance, and timely information about their participation in the criminal-legal process.

Expand interventions, resources and support for victims of Human Trafficking, and public awareness of the pervasiveness of this type of exploitation in our community.



THRIVING AND RESILIENT POPULATION

Increase collaborations with community-based organizations and programs for children and youth who experience or witness violence, particularly domestic violence at our Alameda County Family Justice Center.

Increase our efforts to ensure access to mental health support and services for all residents while reducing our reliance on law enforcement officers, engage with and amplify the voices of family members and caregivers dealing with residents experiencing mental health challenges, and reduce the number of fentanyl-related deaths across the County.



EQUITY

Implement the Racial Justice Act in our criminal-legal system.

Increase our resources and commitment to eliminate racial disparities in case dispositions, including charging and sentencing and reduce our reliance on incarceration.

Increase resources to reduce and respond to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation across the County while educating our residents and improving protection for the most vulnerable members of our community who are targeted by traffickers.



District Attorney

Financial Summary

	2022-23 Approved Budget	2023-24 Maintenance of Effort Budget	Change from 2022-23 Approved	
			Amount	Percentage
Appropriations	\$91,816,130	\$ 95,378,996	\$3,562,866	3.88%
Revenue	\$20,016,766	\$ 21,620,919	\$1,604,153	8.01%
Net County Cost	\$71,799,364	\$ 73,758,077	\$1,958,713	2.73%
FTE - Mgmt	261.16	264.16	3.00	1.15%
FTE – Non-Mgmt	101.88	98.88	(3.00)	-2.94%
Total FTE	363.04	363.04	0.00	0.00%



District Attorney

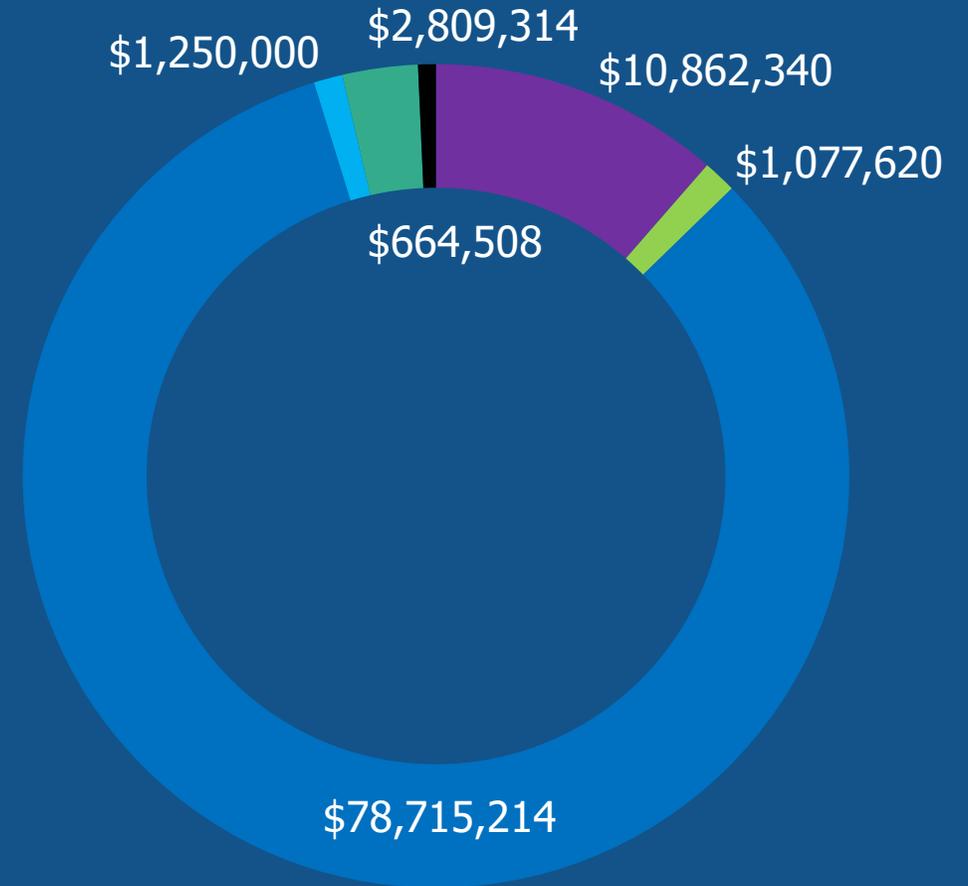
Major Components of Net County Cost (NCC) Change (in millions)

Component	NCC Change
Salary and Employee Benefits <i>• Major Drivers – Salaries & Benefits</i>	\$4.48
Internal Adjustments <i>• Major Drivers - Increases to Intra-Fund Transfers for grant funded programs</i>	(\$2.12)
Services & Supplies <i>• Major Drivers - Increases in Discretionary Services & Supplies, related to CBO's on grants</i> <i>• Major Drivers - Increases in Non Discretionary Services & Supplies, related to Information Technology, Risk Management Insurance and BMD Space Rental</i>	\$0.06 \$1.14
Total Revenue adjustment <i>• Major Drivers – Grant revenue increased</i>	(\$1.60)
TOTAL NCC Change	\$1.96

Appropriation by Department

- District Attorney Grants: \$10,862,340, (11.39%)
- Realignment: \$1,250,000 (1.31%)
- District Attorney: \$78,715,214 (82.53%)
- Public Assistance Fraud: \$1,077,620 (1.13%)
- Family Justice Center: \$2,809,314 (2.95%)
- Grand Jury: \$664,508 (0.70%)

Total Appropriations: \$95.38M



Total Appropriation by Major Object \$95.38M

Salaries & Employee Benefits

\$95,613,389
86.8%

County Provided Services & Supplies

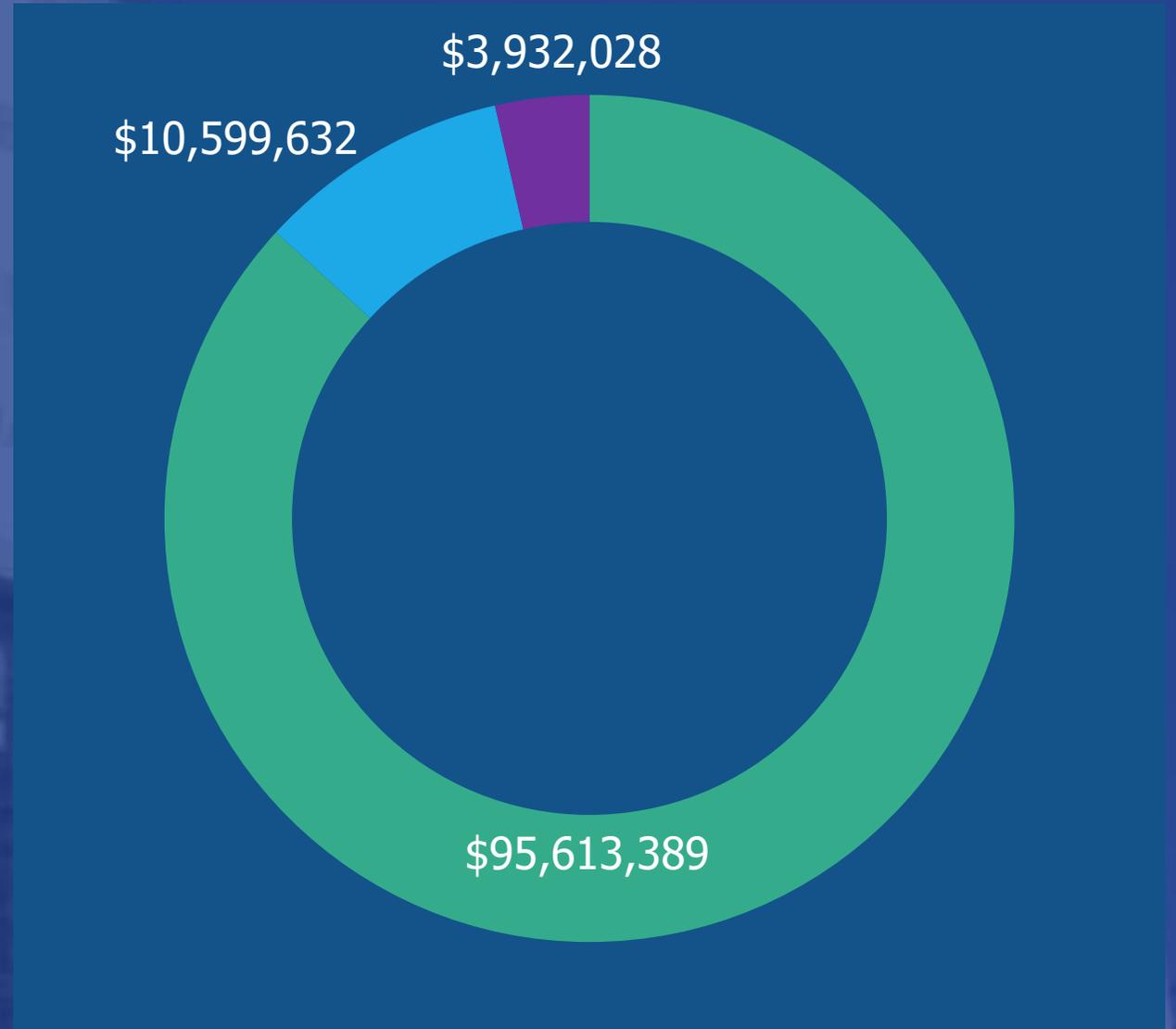
Non Discretionary
\$10,599,632
9.63%

Services & Supplies

Discretionary
\$3,932,028
3.57%

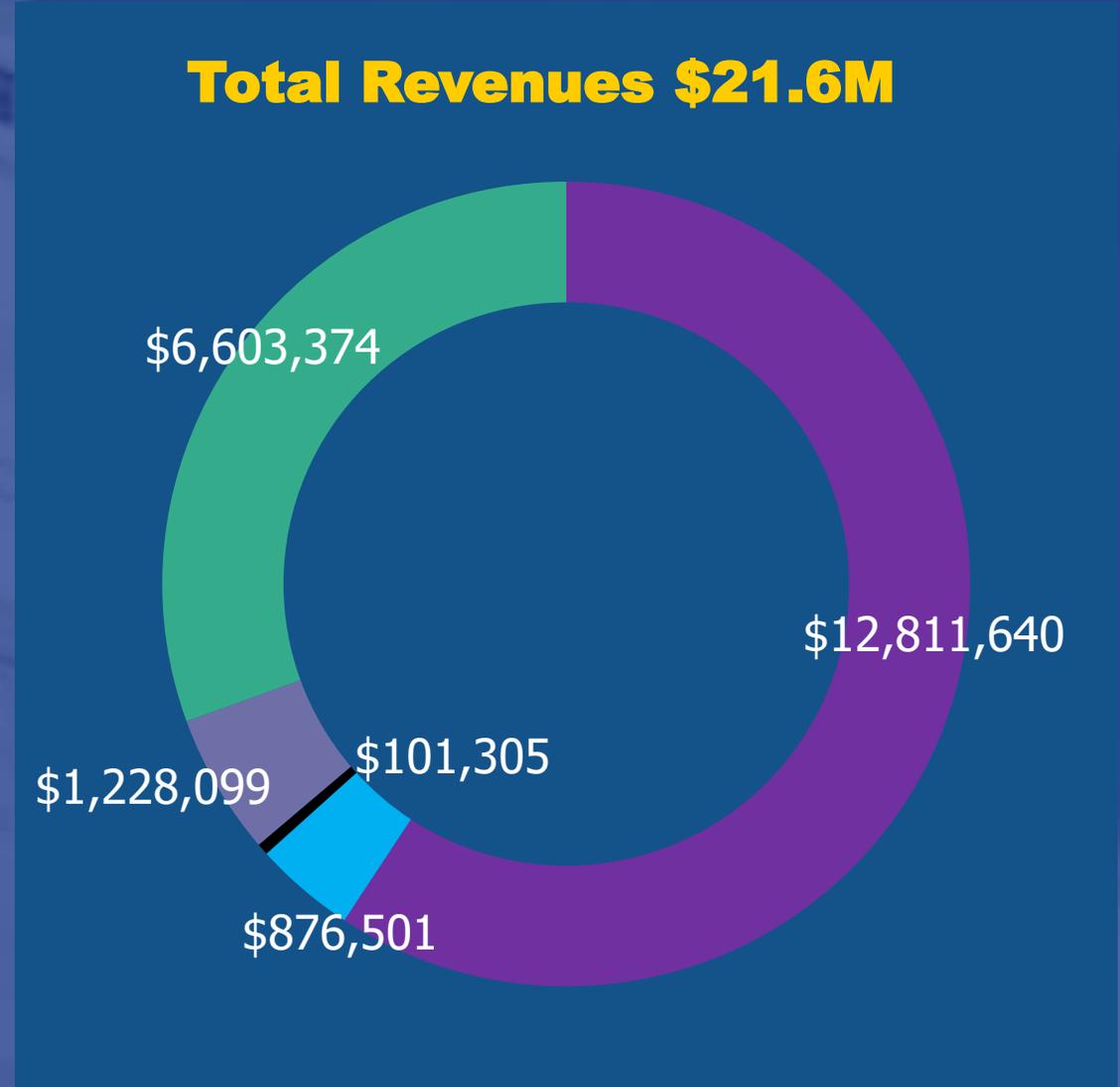
Intra Fund Transfers

-\$14,766,053



Total Revenue by Source

- State Aid: \$12,811,640 (29.63%)
- Federal Aid: \$876,501 (2.03%)
- Use of Money & Property: \$101,305 (0.23%)
- License Fees: \$1,228,099 (2.84%)
- Other Revenue: \$6,603,374 (15.27%)





Thank you