

District Attorney Policy Decision



- **Office of Traffic Safety Grant Programs**
 - Total revenue loss of \$452K; Net Count Cost Impact of \$195k
 - ✦ Vertical Prosecution: Assignment of specially trained prosecutors and investigators to work impaired driving cases involving repeat offenders and injuries or fatalities from arrest through sentencing.
 - One FTE Deputy District Attorney and one FTE Investigator
 - ✦ AVOID Program: Collaboration of law enforcement agencies at peak holiday periods to combat impaired driving through public awareness and checkpoints.
 - Some funding may be restored in the late Fall, to be used to continue Vertical Prosecution.

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- **Budget Policies**

- Pursuit of New Revenues (No.3): *Pursue new revenues to the fullest extent possible for all services, as well as total cost identification (including departmental overhead and indirect costs) for fee setting purposes. To the extent possible, any new revenues for programs receiving General Fund support should be used to offset the cost of existing staff and programs, rather than funding new staff or programs.*
 - ✦ **Between 2008 and 2017 Recommended Budget, Salaries and Benefits costs have grown 19%, while Net County Cost has grown 7%**
 - ✦ **During the same period, total number of employees has decreased by 10%; total number of Deputy District Attorneys decreased from 20 to 18, same level as before OTS grant award**
 - ✦ **Consider the impacts of this policy on service level consistency**

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- **Budget Policies**

- County Share (No. 5): *If funding is reduced, there should be no increased County share for programs funded primarily from non-General Fund sources unless increased County share is mandated or the Board of Supervisors has previously determined that this program is a high priority for use of limited General Fund dollars.*
 - ✦ **CAO reduced DA budget by \$195k to comply**
 - ✦ **DA to determine service impacts**
 - **Will continue to investigate and prosecuted impaired driving cases**
 - ✦ **Purpose of policy to give the Board the opportunity to make an informed decision on “high priority” programs**

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- **Strategic Plan**

- Public Safety Goal: *Protects the community, prevents crime, enforces the law, administers justice, provides rehabilitative services, and promptly responds to emergencies and calls for service.*
 - ✦ Objective 1- “Provide an integrated and balanced network of services resulting in a sense of security for residents, employees and visitors (e.g. preventive, protective, investigative, corrective, punitive, supervisory, etc.)”
 - Changes in service levels in one agency must be studied for their impacts on other agencies
 - Insufficient time for this analysis before budget adoption

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- ✦ Objective 3- “Coordinate efforts amongst public safety service providers and the community to leverage resources, reduce service delivery constraints, and enhance public safety.”

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- **Recommendations**

- Partially backfill revenue loss (\$195K) for one year
- Analyze impacts of permanent loss of funding
 - ✦ Program inventory
 - ✦ Staffing and service levels in whole system
 - ✦ Opportunities for efficiencies, collaboration
 - ✦ Other revenue sources