



District Attorney–Public Administrator 2025–26 Proposed Budget

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Presentation Overview



Our Mission



How We are Organized



Federal/State risks & Emerging Issues



Budget Overview

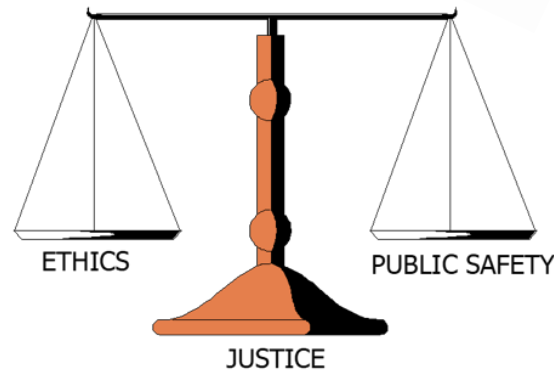


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Our Mission

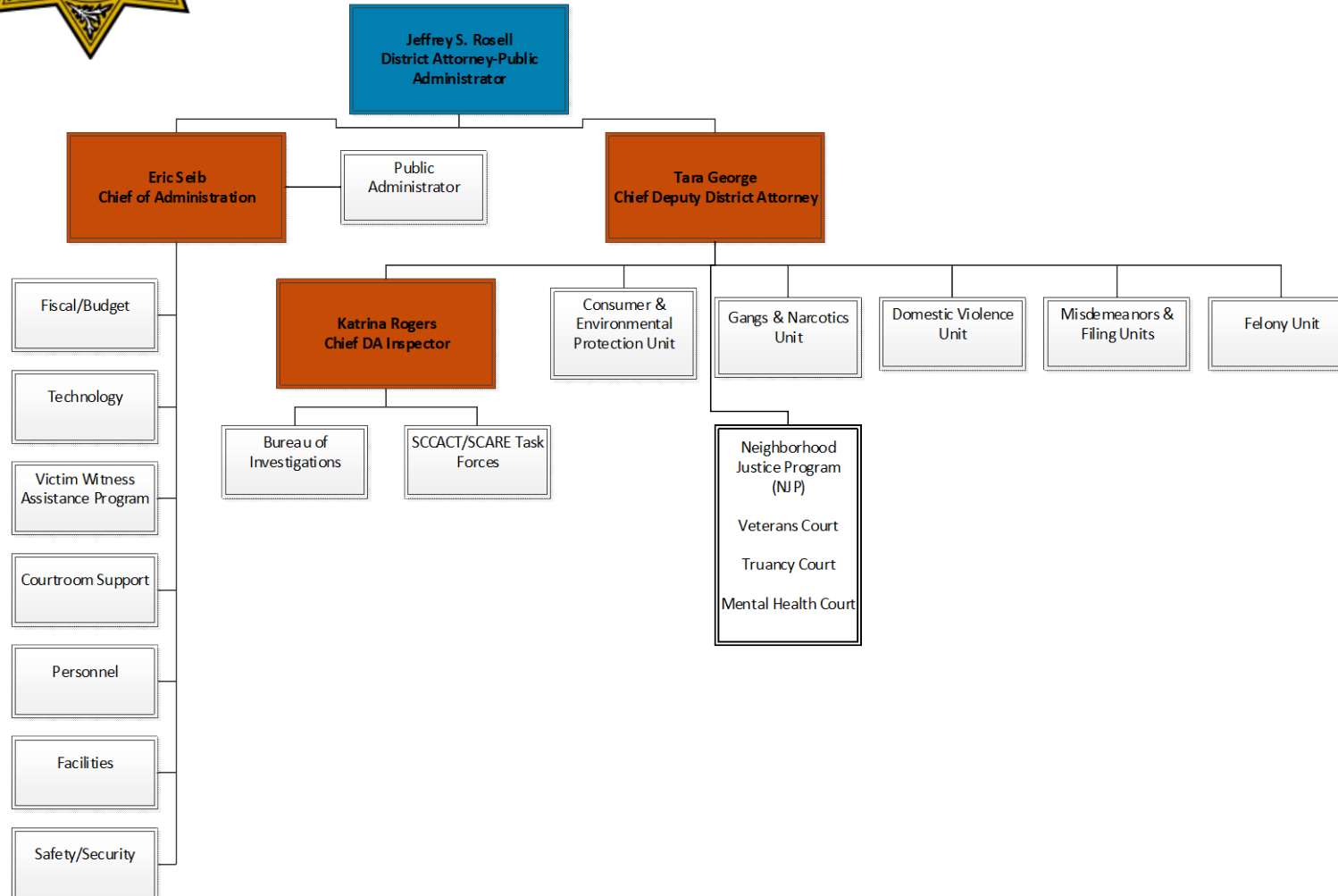
To promote and ensure public safety through ethical and just prosecution.





County of Santa Cruz

Office of the District Attorney-Public Administrator



Guiding Principles



California Constitution (Art. XIII § 35)

"...public safety is the first responsibility of local government and local officials have an obligation to give priority to the provision of adequate public safety services."

Duty to Follow:

United States Constitution, California Constitution, California Statutes, Rules of Professional Conduct

Duty to:

Protect Rights of Victims, Protect Rights of Defendants, Review and File Cases Investigate and Prosecute Cases, Seek Justice & Act Ethically



District Attorney's Jurisdiction



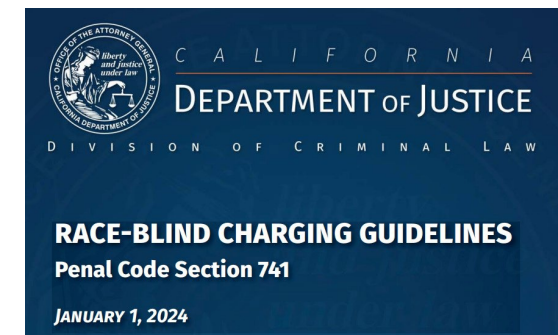
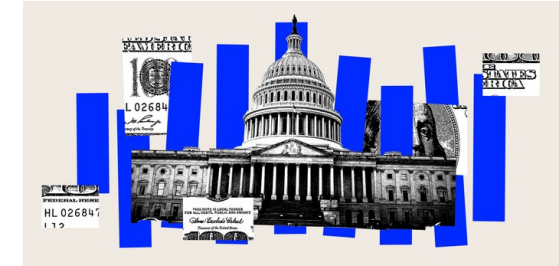
State & Federal Funding Risks



- Potential federal grant reductions could threaten \$683,506 in grant funding for our Victim-Witness Assistance Program to deliver 11 required advocacy services in accordance with California Penal Code Section 13835.5.
- Could affect as many as 9.0 FTEs; represents 44% of program funding.
- Also potential temporary suspension of federal COPS funding of approximately \$138,000 to support a staff member through SLESF.
- Review of Governor's May Revised shows no new state or federal funding risks.

Emerging Issues

- **Potential Federal Funding Risks:**
 - Victim Witness Assistance Program funding; \$683,506; 9.0 FTEs; 44% of program funding.
 - \$138,000 in COPS funding to support a staff member through SLESF
- **Federal Immigration Policies:** threat of federal intervention and potential legal actions against sanctuary policies may deter undocumented individuals from reporting crimes or participating as witnesses, fearing deportation or legal repercussions.
- **State Legislative Impacts:** such as CA PC §741 mandating race-blind charging procedures requiring the removal of racial identifiers from case files during initial reviews to minimize bias in prosecutorial decisions.



District Attorney–Public Administrator

Approve the Proposed Budget for the District Attorney–Public Administrator, including any Supplemental Materials, which includes:

- Revenues of \$8,589,109
- Expenses of \$26,749,812
- General Fund Contribution of \$18,160,703
- Status Quo Staffing of 110.0 funded FTEs

