

Contra Costa County District Attorney Budget 2018/2019

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The Mission of the District Attorney's Office

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- To seek justice and enhance public safety for all our residents.
- By fairly, ethically, aggressively and efficiently prosecuting those who violate the law, and by working to prevent crime.

Vision

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- Seek Justice
- Serve Justice
- Do Justice

“A New Day...Fresh New Approach”

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- SWOT “*listening conversations*” with entire office.
- *Top to bottom evaluation* of the District Attorney operation.
- *Redistribution of appropriations* by evaluating expenditure trends to develop a more accurate operational budget.

“A Fresh New Approach”

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- More *efficient monitoring* in order to make expenditure adjustment to end the fiscal year on point with the budget.
- Discovered *underutilized resources*.
- *Reducing temporary salary* expenditures.

“A Fresh New Approach”

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- Using appropriate budget ORGs to allow *real time tracking* of Special Operations funds *reducing misunderstandings* regarding expenditures and leading to increased *transparency*.
- Established *new budget ORGs Stolen Vehicle* program eliminating disparate treatment of funds.
- Seek *reimbursement* for *child abduction program*.

District Attorney Staff

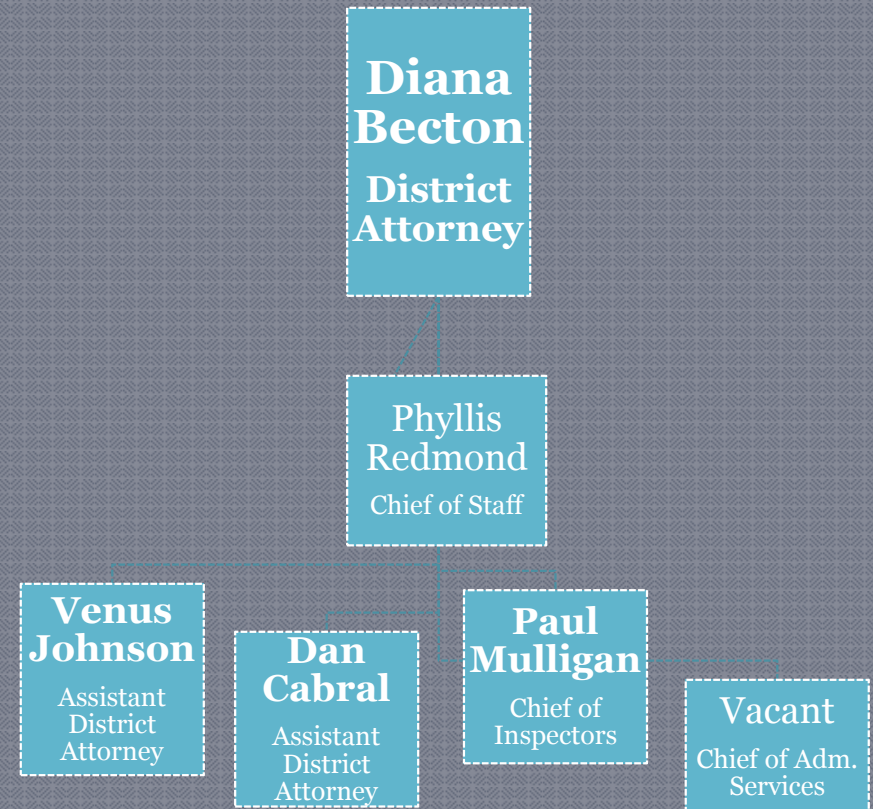
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DA STAFF

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- *Diana Becton*, District Attorney
- *Phyllis Redmond*, Chief of Staff
- *Dan Cabral*, Assistant District Attorney
- *Venus Johnson*, Assistant District Attorney
- *Paul Mulligan*, Chief of Inspectors
- *Vacant*, Chief of Administrative Services



DA Authorized Staff Positions

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- 101.5 Attorneys
- 26 Investigative Staff
- 17 Victim/Witness
- 61 Support Staff Services
- **205.5 Total Staff**

Our DA Divisions and Units

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- **Western Operations**

- Felony and misdemeanor cases occurring in West Contra Costa County.

- **Central Eastern Area Operations**

- Misdemeanor cases in the Delta, Mount Diablo, and Walnut Creek judicial districts.

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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• Superior Court Operations

- Day to day operations of all felony matters in the courtrooms in Martinez, California.
- Comprised of several units:
 - ✦ Trial Team
 - ✦ Law & Motion
 - ✦ Calendar
 - ✦ Preliminary Hearings
 - ✦ Criminal Grand Jury
 - ✦ Mental Health Litigation

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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• Special Operations Unit

- Specialized areas of prosecution, with seven vertical prosecution units:
 - ✦ Auto Insurance Fraud
 - ✦ Consumer Protection
 - ✦ Real Estate Fraud
 - ✦ Public Assistance Fraud
 - ✦ Workers Compensation Fraud
 - ✦ Government Corruptions
 - ✦ High Tech/Identity Theft

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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- **Community Violence Reduction/Gangs**
- Reduce violent crime in our communities caused by guns, gangs, drugs, and human trafficking through intervention, prevention and education.
- Safe Street Task Force

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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- **Homicide Unit**

- The Contra Costa District Attorney's Office is committed to the vigorous prosecution of persons who kill.

- **Ceasefire**

- **Realignment/CCP**

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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● Family Violence Unit

- Prosecution of all felony sexual assaults by adults, against adults and minors. It is comprised of three Units:
 - ✦ Sexual Assault Unit
 - ✦ Domestic Violence Unit
 - ✦ Child Abuse Unit

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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- **Juvenile Unit**

- The Juvenile Division consists of attorneys and support staff who are responsible for prosecuting most criminal matters in which the suspect is under the age of 18.
- Anti-Truancy Initiative

- **Victim/Witness**

- The intent of the program is to reduce the trauma and insensitivity that victims and witnesses sometimes suffer following a crime. Advocates guide victims through the legal system and direct them to agencies and organizations that offer assistance and emergency services.

Our DA Divisions and Units cont'd

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- **Bureau of Investigations**

- Provides investigative support in the prosecution of criminal cases.

- **Professional Administrative & Support Staff**

- Administrative
- Clerical
- IT

2017 Performance Measurement

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- 1.1 million residents.
- 25 law enforcement agencies within 19 cities Contra Costa County.
- In 2017 we prosecuted approximately 3,489 felony cases and 4510 misdemeanors.
- We conducted 110 felony jury trials and 168 misdemeanor jury trials.
- We also investigate and prosecute public corruption, various types of complex fraud, and enforce environmental and consumer protection laws both civil and criminal.

Key Focus Areas

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- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Crime Prevention – Focused Deterrence.
- West County Anti-Violence Coalition
- East County Anti-Violence Coalition
- Ceasefire
- Safe Streets Task Force
- Anti-Truancy initiative

Challenges & Opportunities

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- Human Trafficking.
- Alternatives to prosecution of misdemeanors and low level nonviolent crimes.
- Alternatives for those who suffer from mental illness.

Challenges & Opportunities cont'd

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- Alternatives for those who are homeless.
- Proposition 47
- Bail Reform

Challenges & Opportunities cont'd

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- Brady
- Discovery Compliance Unit
- Insufficient Clerical support
- Insufficient mainline prosecutors

Challenges & Opportunities cont'd

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- Proposition 64
- Case Management System
- Realignment
- Victim/Witness Assistant Supervisor position, and pay parity.

Key Spending Areas

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General Fund	2016-17 Actuals	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Baseline	2018-19 Recommended	Change
Expense					
Salaries And Benefits	35,466,437	37,861,328	38,346,136	39,873,032	1,526,896
Services And Supplies	5,168,438	4,430,300	4,489,375	4,489,375	0
Other Charges	35,147	40,152	35,270	35,270	0
Fixed Assets	36,374	0	5,000	5,000	0
Expenditure Transfers	(432,373)	(677,853)	(709,604)	(709,604)	0
Expense Total	40,274,023	41,653,927	42,166,177	43,693,073	1,526,896
Revenue					
Other Local Revenue	6,585,777	4,811,040	5,116,105	5,636,309	520,204
Federal Assistance	627,634	178,974	178,974	178,974	0
State Assistance	17,062,692	17,161,662	17,462,008	17,462,008	0
Revenue Total	24,276,103	22,151,676	22,757,087	23,277,291	520,204
Net County Cost (NCC):	15,997,919	19,502,251	19,409,090	20,415,782	1,006,692

Where will recommended increases go?

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Program Name	Service	FTE	Net Fund Cost Impact	Impact
Mainline Prosecution	Adds five (5) Case Preparation Assistant positions	5.0	\$457,565	Creation of a Discovery Compliance unit to ensure compliance with <i>Brady v. Maryland</i> obligations
Mainline Prosecution	Adds five (5) Clerk Experienced Level positions	5.0	\$315,440	Increased clerical staffing due to requirements of new case management system implementation
Mainline Prosecution	Adds one (1) Deputy District Attorney-Basic position	1.0	\$233,760	Additional staff assigned to Mainline Prosecution
Special Prosecution	Adds one (1) DA Senior Inspector position	1.0	\$0	Additional staff assigned to Special Operations unit and funded by Consumer Protection Fraud special fund
Special Prosecution	Adds one (1) DA Senior Inspector position	1.0	\$0	Additional staff assigned to Special Operations unit and funded by Environmental special fund
Special Prosecution	Adds one (1) Forensic Accountant	1.0	\$0	Additional staff assigned to Special Operations unit and funded Consumer
	Total General Operating Fund	14.0	\$1,006,765	

Summary

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- Summarize key successes/challenges
- Reiterate key goals
- Thanks