



PUBLIC DEFENDER

Contra Costa County

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May 4, 2018

Darcy Matthews
163 Belle Ave,
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

RE: Wesley Douglas Jones (DOB 01/04/90)

Dear Ms. Matthews,

I am an Assistant Public Defender at the Office of the Public Defender in Martinez. Our Office represented Mr. Wesley Jones on his recent criminal court cases.

On October 12, 2016, the District Attorney of Contra Costa County filed charges against Mr. Jones for misdemeanor violations of H&S 11550(a) and H&S 11364, on case number #1-179528-5.

On October 19, 2016, a bench warrant issued for Mr. Jones, for failing to appear at his arraignment on case number #1-179528-5. At the time this bench warrant issued, Mr. Jones was in custody on case number #1-179059-1. He was released on case #1-179059-1 on the morning of October 19, 2016 without being transported to court for his arraignment on his new misdemeanor matter #1-179528-8.

On December 2, 2016, Mr. Jones was picked up and taken into custody on the bench warrant issued for case number #1-179528-5. Bail was posted for Mr. Jones in the amount of \$15,000.00 and on December 5, 2016, Mr. Jones appeared in the form of a voluntary appearance and his warrant was recalled and set aside.

I can be reached at (925)335-8075 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Ellen McDonnell
Assistant Public Defender

*He had know
IDEA there was
a warrant!*

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
Contra Costa County**

**Custody Services Bureau
Martinez Detention Division
1000 Ward Street
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 335-4600**



**DAVID O. LIVINGSTON
Sheriff-Coroner**

**Michael V. Casten
Undersheriff**

DATE: March 1, 2018

TO: Ellen McDonnell
Deputy Public Defender
925-335-8010 FAX

FROM: Eva Zander *EZ*
Clerical Supervisor

SUBJECT: Request for In Custody Dates – Wesley Jones
DOB: 01/04/1990
In custody dates: 2016 and 2017

Per your request, please find the Contra Costa County in custody dates for above subject:

07/21/2017	To	08/24/2017
05/03/2017	To	05/28/2017
02/18/2017	To	02/19/2017
12/02/2016	To	12/02/2016
07/24/2016	To	10/19/2016
07/20/2016	To	07/21/2016
06/01/2016	To	06/02/2016
05/30/2016	To	05/31/2016
04/24/2016	To	04/25/2016
04/09/2016	To	04/09/2016
02/10/2016	To	02/11/2016

REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)

Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair.

Personal information is optional. This speaker's card will be incorporated into the public record of this meeting.

NAME (Print) Diana Garrido
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

Address: 800 Ferry St.

City: Martinez

Phone: 925-335-8050

I am speaking for: Myself
 Organization: Contra Costa
Public Defender office

I wish to ^{write} ~~spea~~k on Agenda Item # DZ

Date: _____

My comments will be: General
 For
 Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

EQUITY FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider.
(Use the back of this form.)

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of days later. My health problem was a distraction and a detriment to my client. My DA counterparts, who I opposed in court daily had no such issues. This is simply unjust + unfair to

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

I started as a graduate law clerk in 2005, - a temporary attorney in 2006. I had no health care. My tooth started to crack but I could not afford to fix it. I was initially representing an indigent person of color, when my tooth cracked off almost + completely. Luckily I became "permanent" with benefits a couple

forwarded to the most vulnerable residents of CoCo - the residents of CoCo

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NAME (Print) Amira Azhar-Graham

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Address: 800 Ferry Street

City: Martinez, CA

Phone: 925-235-8000

I am speaking for: Myself

Organization: CC Public Defenders office

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 Against

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My name is Amira and I'm an investigator for the Contra Costa Public Defenders office. On a daily basis I find myself driving through our county, visiting with residents who consider themselves voiceless, ignored, living with the pressures of poverty and addiction. Our office represents the voiceless, the poor, those residents who come to us for justice. We defend them, we give them recognition & acknowledge the stressors affecting our community be it immigration, racial justice

→ or vocalizing a need for mental health & social services.

While we all work hard, no one works harder than our entry level attorneys. They work long hours without medical benefits or salary fitting the job they perform -

Please find it in your heart to bring pay equity to our public defenders. We perform a public service, and in order to maintain that the service continues to be performed at the highest level we all hope you will make sure our first line of legal defense has the same rights and benefits as their counterpart in the district attorney's office.

Thank you Lindy! Amica

PUBLIC COMMENT
D-2

REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D-2

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Date: SEPT. 11, 2018

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My comments will be: General For Against

NAME (Print) Harold G. Grossman
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: _____

City: LORRYETTE, CA 94549-1311

Phone: _____

I am speaking for: Myself Organization: _____

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)

PUBLIC COMMENT - Pay Parity for DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS -

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I AM A PRODUCT OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE'S CONTRACT HIRING PROCESS - I WAS HIRED, ON A 2 YEAR CONTRACT, IN FEB. 1982 - BEFORE MY 2 YEARS RAN, MY CONTRACT WAS EXTENDED TO 3 YEARS BEFORE MY 3 YEARS RAN, I WAS HIRED AS A PERMANENT DEPUTY D.A. - I WAS IN THE FIRST CLASS TO BE SO HIRED - I WENT ON TO BECOME A JUDGE IN CONTRA COSTA IN 1991 AND SERVED AS A JUDGE FOR 21 YEARS (UNTIL 2012)

(over)

OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE SEEN MANY ^{NEW} DEPUTY D.A.'S AND NEW DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS COME AND GO — NOT ALL CONTRACT DEPUTY D.A.'S ARE HIRED PRIOR TO THE END OF THEIR CONTRACTS — FOR THE MOST PART, THEY ARE ABLE TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT IN OTHER D.A.'S OFFICES. I HAVE ALSO SEEN EXPERIENCED DEPUTY D.A.'S LEAVE FOR HIGHER PAY AND BETTER BENEFITS IN OTHER COUNTIES — (MOST NOTABLY SANTA CLARA COUNTY) —

CURRENTLY, NEW DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS (P.D.'S) ARE NOT HIRED ON A CONTRACT BASIS. THEY ARE BROUGHT ON AS "TEMPORARY" SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ATTORNEYS. AS TEMPORARY ATTORNEYS, THESE DEPUTY P.D.'S ARE PAID SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN THEIR DEPUTY D.A. COUNTERPARTS. THEY DO NOT RECEIVE PAID LEAVE. NOR DO THEY RECEIVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE — THIS IS FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR — I HAVE SEEN MANY SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ATTORNEYS LEAVE CONTRA COSTA TO OBTAIN COMPARABLE BENEFITS —

I FULLY SUPPORT PAY & BENEFIT PARITY BETWEEN CONTRACT D.A.'S AND NEW DEPUTY P.D.'S — WE NEED SUCH PARITY TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST (AND MOST MOTIVATED) DEPUTY P.D.'S

HEATHY 

Response concerning unequal pay for Public Defenders

**To: County Supervisors: Karen Mitchoff, John M.Giola,
Candace Anderson, Diane Burgis, Federal D. Glover
For Public Comment September 11, 2018**

**Senior Deputy County Administrator, Timothy Ewell
Staff to Public Protection Committee**

- **Mr. Ewell Oversees the budget and programs of Criminal Justice departments: Office of the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender** and Criminal Conflict Defense, Probation, and Fire Districts
- Provides staff support to the Board's Public Protection Committee

The Senior Deputy County Administrator, Timothy Ewell oversees the budget and programs of the Public Defender's Office along with several other duties.

As a retired Community college Administrator who worked with and was responsible for budgets (DVC was \$110,000,000 when I served as their President). At the State Chancellor's Office working in policy and with the budget office we worked with a 4-5 billion dollar budget serving 106 Colleges at that time.

Our work usually involved representatives of the affected groups for which the budget was going to be put into effect. At the State that was CEO and CBO representatives, Trustees, Unions, Legislature etc. At the local level I worked with faculty, classified staff and their respective bargaining groups.

It is not easy to read a large budget, but I did go through the current CC County budget document of several hundred pages. I'm not sure how this budget gets pulled together in the County, but the Public Defenders need to be equalized with their counter-part lawyers in the District Attorney's office. Both groups have the same professional requirements for their work and both groups need to be treated fairly with equivalent compensation and work load.

From: Judy E. Walters, Ph.D.
Retired Community College Administrator
Consultant



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Date: September 11

My comments will be: General For Against

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NAME (Print) Mike Luther Dep. Public Defender

To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: 800 Ferry St.

Equal Pay for Public Defenders

City: _____

Phone: _____

I am speaking for: Myself Organization: _____

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Misdemeanor Deputy Public Defenders:

Graduated high school.

Graduated college:

Graduated law school:

Passed the California State Bar:

Represent poor people/residents of C.L.C.

Are temporary employees:

Have no healthcare:

Supervisor: When you get sick, do you have the ability to use your healthplan and see a doctor?



REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D2

Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair.

Date: 9/11/18

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My comments will be: General
 For
 Against

NAME (Print) Matt Cuthbertson

To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

I wish to speak on the subject of:
Funding of Public Defender's Office - Equity for entry level attorneys

Address: 800 Ferry St.

City: Martinez, CA 94553

Phone: 925.335.8000

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Access to justice shouldn't depend on one's race. Systemic underfunding + inequitable compensation for entry level Public Defenders has a direct link to unequal treatment of Contra Costa residents in the criminal justice system.

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