Manohar Raju:
Public Defender

Transformative Justice
& Empowering Communities
Community Budget Presentation Roadmap

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We Are Defenders

The San Francisco Public Defender protects and defends the rights of indigent adults and youth accused of crimes, and immigrants facing deportation.

Led by Mano Raju, California's only elected Public Defender, our team of 110 attorneys and 106 non-attorneys members provide zealous, compassionate, and creative legal representation to over 20,000 people annually.

We aspire to provide the highest level of legal advocacy, and to be the state and nationwide model for transformative public defense services.
Our Theory of Change

When we fiercely defend individuals, confront state-sponsored violence, and advocate for community power, then our communities are better able to resist injustice and fight for self-determination and freedom.

Our Mission

A world where collective humanity is cherished.

Our Vision

Love, Compassion, Courage, Excellence.

Our Values

San Francisco Public Defender
Our Office

CONFRONT & ADVOCATE
Communications
Integrity – Police Accountability
State and Local Policy

DEFEND
Felony
Misdemeanor
Mental Health
Pre-Trial Release
Paralegals
Clean Slate
Training
Freedom Project - Post Conviction
Immigration
Re-entry
Alternative Courts
Investigators
Youth Defenders
MAGIC

OPERATIONS
Payroll – Finance & Planning
Clerical
Human Resources
Technology

Warriors
Counselors
Change Agents
We Defend
our community’s most vulnerable and disenfranchised

10% Immigrants or non-English speakers

75% Suffer from mental illness or substance use issues

100% Low-income; many live in poverty or suffer from homelessness
We aggressively advocated for justice for our clients in the courts while addressing the trial backlog through “Open the Courts” advocacy.

Across both Felony and Misdemeanor clients, nearly 1,208 cases were dismissed.

Also Provide:
• Support upon arrest and booking into San Francisco Jail
• Pre-trial support and preparation
• Mental health support and advocacy
• Diversion court support and advocacy
• Youth & family support in the Juvenile Court System
• Law enforcement accountability
In The Community
Our Achievements

- **Trial Success:** Our Felony and Misdemeanor Units obtained acquittals, dismissals, hands or mixed verdicts in approx. 85% of the cases we tried.

- **Be the Jury:** Launched in March 2022 working closely with community partners, city agencies and San Francisco’s Treasure’s Office. Aimed at eliminating financial hardships so low-income jurors can serve on juries. To date 425 participants have successfully enrolled.

- **Immigration Win:** In 2021/22 we assisted with a federal case winning a groundbreaking settlement, requiring immigration authorities to preserve COVID-19 safety measures and led to the liberation of hundreds of non-citizens from immigration detention.

- **Policy to End Racist Traffic Stops:** In 2022-23 we worked with community partners to limit police from stopping community members for nine categories of vehicle code violations. In the future, this will lead to 10K fewer pretext traffic stops a year, lowering arrest rates.

- **Clean Slate Expansion:** Established partnerships leading to monthly community clinics at YCD, The Hub (Latino Task Force), SFPD Cares, and Arriba Juntos. Continuing assistance with expungements and clears clients’ criminal records, removing barriers to employment, housing, and education for 708 clients last year.
## A Budget For Justice

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A Budget For Justice

- Staff: 92%
- City Services: 5%
- Non-Personnel Services: 2.7%
- Supplies: 0.3%
District Attorney’s Office budget is $76 million.

At $292 million, the Sheriff’s Department budget is six times larger.

At $628 million, the Police Department budget is thirteen times larger.

A Call For Equity
2023 Goals

- Continue to raise the standard for excellence in public defense
- Fight to end humanitarian crisis in our jails caused by the Court trial backlogs
- Address substance use disorder crisis by advocating for evidence-based public health solutions
- Continue to work to close Juvenile Hall
- State Policy Campaigns: Take "Be the Jury" Statewide; End ICE Transfers from Prison; Reimagine Youth Restitution; Protections for criminalized survivors
Call To Action

- Support our **Budget and our Office Goals**
- Advocate with us for our **state policy priorities**, including Be the Jury California state bill
- Join us in actions to **Open the Courts**, and end the humanitarian crisis in the jails

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Q&A