

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER



The San Francisco Public Defender's Office made amazing strides in 2024, from serving as trial warriors for clients in court, to advocating for policy reform in Sacramento and City Hall, to celebrating milestone anniversaries of our programs that empower our clients and their families and communities. While we are truly proud of our team's achievements, we recognize these successes stem from vital partnerships with community organizations. It is these often-unsung community organizations that have given us strength and inspiration. And that's why, for this year's calendar, we wanted to highlight and express our gratitude for their contributions that support our vision for enhancing the well-being of our clients and the community at large.

As we enter 2025, we aim to strengthen these community bonds further. In 2024, I kicked off a series of events called "Mano's Community Conversations," where I have met with community-based organizations throughout San Francisco to talk about how we can deepen and expand our partnerships. I have witnessed first-hand that these grassroots groups and passionate individuals embody our office's motto that we are "Greater Than One" and advance our mission to defend the most vulnerable, fight systemic injustice, and empower communities.

Our Office's privileged relationships with our clients, which fosters trust and ensures confidentiality, helps us to accurately assess their needs and provide targeted referrals to community organizations, benefiting both clients and service providers. We also partner with many of these organizations on policy advocacy, amplifying our collective impact on issues like re-entry, police accountability, and criminal justice reform.

We hope you'll enjoy learning about some of the dedicated, hard-working organizations that our attorneys and staff have the pleasure to work alongside. These community partnerships are truly what make us Greater Than One. Below is a list of the groups we are highlighting in this year's calendar, and how you can learn more about them.

Sincerely,

Mano Raju
San Francisco Public Defender

San Quentin News SanQuentinNews.com

Hospitality House HospitalityHouse.org

Roadmap to Peace ifrsf.org/rtp

GLIDE Memorial Church Glide.org/centerforsocialjustice

Californians for Safety and Justice Safeandjust.org

B'Mo'MAGIC Magic-sf.org

San Francisco State's Project Rebound Asi.sfsu.edu/project-rebound

Latino Task Force Ltfrespuestalatina.com

Coalition on Homelessness Cohsf.org

Mental Health Association of San Francisco Mentalhealthsf.org

Sunset Youth Services Sunsetyouthservices.org

OUR MISSION
Fiercely defend individuals, confront state sponsored violence, and advocate for community power.

OUR VALUES
Love, Compassion, Courage, Excellence.

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 VISION
A world where collective humanity is cherished.

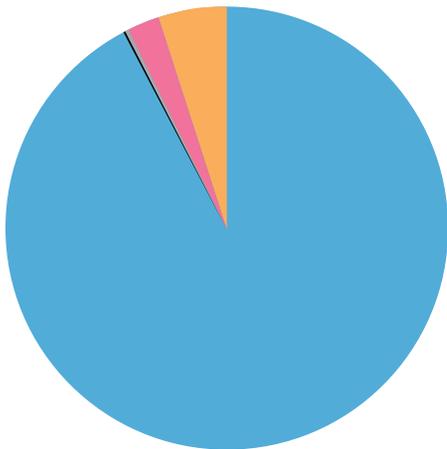
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

BUDGET

In fiscal year 2023-2024, the budget for the Public Defender's Office was \$52,610,099 with 240 employees.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

91% of the Public Defender's FY2023-24 budget went to salaries and benefits. Services of other departments (5%), non-personnel services (3%), Programmatic Projects (1%) and materials and supplies (.25%) made up the remaining 9% of the budget.



SALARIES & FRINGE BENEFITS

\$47,938,752

SERVICES OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS

\$2,449,336

NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES

\$1,756,990

PROGRAMMATIC PROJECTS

\$333,212

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

\$131,809

CASES FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

7,701	Felony	513	Collaborative Courts
4,575	Misdemeanor	397	Immigration
1,731	Youth Defender	3804	Mental Health
3,776	Clean Slate		

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Record Number of Felony and Misdemeanor Trials

Following COVID-19 court closures in 2020, the San Francisco Superior Court reopened, but delayed thousands of individuals' felony and misdemeanor trials. At the backlog's peak, more than 240 individuals languished in jail past their Constitutionally-mandated speedy trial deadline. The San Francisco Public Defender's Office, along with several other community organizations, challenged these delays via litigation, as well as public protests. In July 2024, a state appellate court found that the SF Superior Court's backlog was unlawful, and a month later, the court dismissed numerous misdemeanor cases as a remedy. Trials for backlogged and new felony and misdemeanor cases are now happening at a faster pace.

Clean Slate and MAGIC Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries

The San Francisco Public Defender's Clean Slate program celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2024. Launched in 1999 by the late SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi and expanded under current Public Defender Mano Raju, the program has assisted approximately 60,000 people with record expungement. Eligible individuals can obtain certificates of rehabilitation, reduce or vacate certain convictions, and seal arrest records. While some records may still appear on background checks, expungement helps remove barriers to jobs, housing, and career advancement for millions of Californians.

Our MAGIC Program (Mobilization for Adolescent Growth in our Communities) commemorated its 20th anniversary. MAGIC was founded in 2004 by the late Public Defender Jeff Adachi as B'MAGIC in Bayview Hunters Point in response to a community-identified need to address the impact of trauma, poverty, and violence on youth in targeted districts, and to close the school-to-prison pipeline. In 2006, it expanded to Mo'MAGIC in the Fillmore Western Addition. MAGIC convenes and partners with organizations to hold programs year-round that create opportunities for youth to grow and thrive in safe and healthy communities. Annually, MAGIC serves over 5,000 children, youth and their families through programs, such as the Backpack Giveaway back-to-school events.

Eliminating Youth Restitution Fines Statewide

We successfully advocated for the passage of our priority state bill, the Repair Act (AB 1186-Assemblymember Mia Bonta), to reform California's youth restitution system. This new law will address critical issues where restitution costs exceed collection value and can perpetuate cycles of poverty. The Repair Act will eliminate youth restitution fines, cancel fines older than 10 years for both youth and adults, end joint liability for youth, and stop wage and account garnishment for youth. The law will alleviate economic burdens on vulnerable families and youth.



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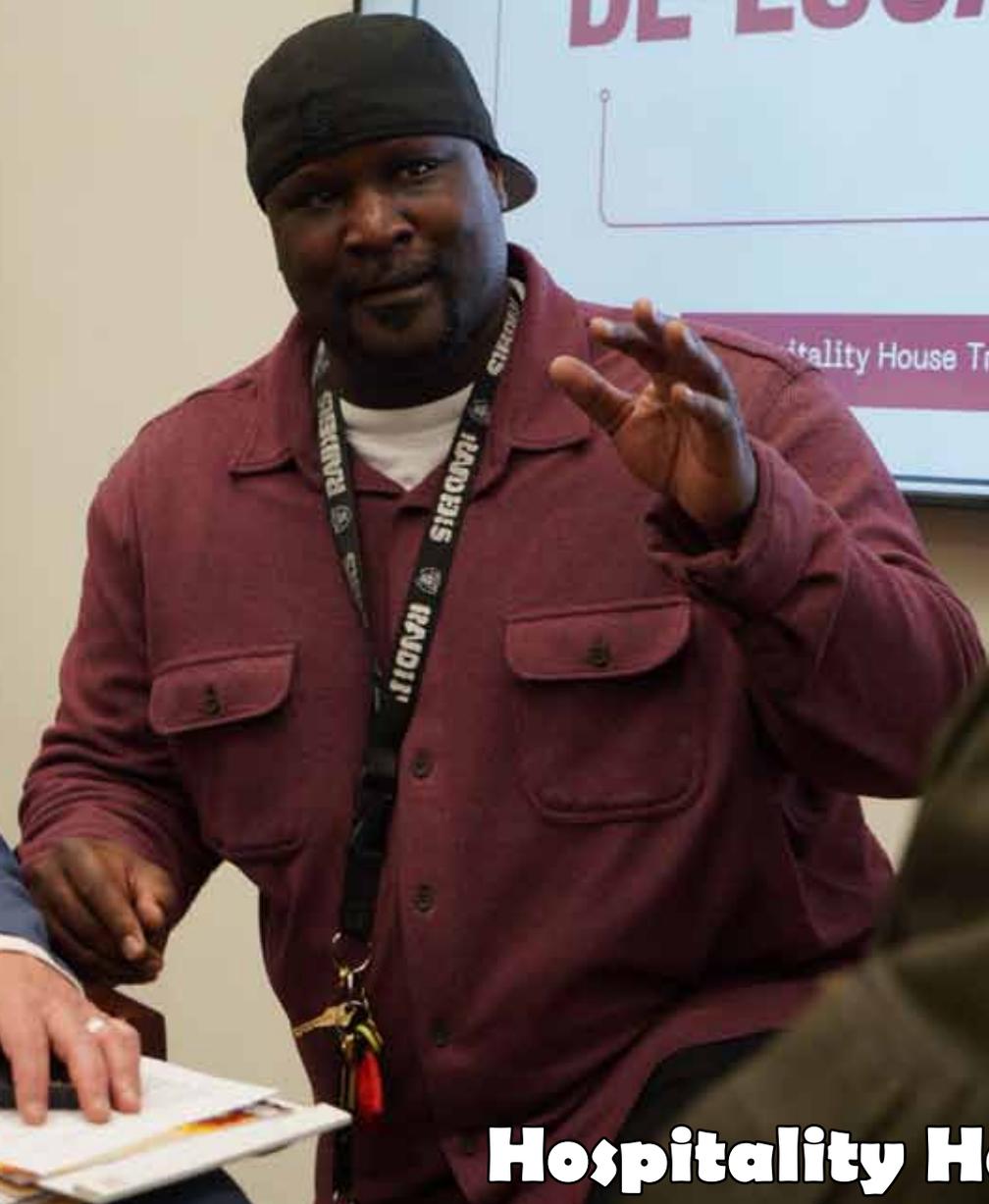
JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lunar New Year	30 Fred Korematsu Day	31	

The S.F. Public Defender Freedom Project assists people in state prisons who are eligible for sentence reductions or parole hearings. By coordinating with San Quentin News, which circulates 35,000 copies across 36 state prisons, the project helps inform incarcerated Californians of their rights and reentry support. Together, we're helping to restore hope, reunite families, and reduce mass incarceration.

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Hospitality House

FEBRUARY

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16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
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Like public defenders, Hospitality House serves people who are struggling with poverty and homelessness, and it's our shared goal to treat people with dignity and empower them to overcome their present circumstances. Sometimes those circumstances result in extreme stress and even mental health crises. That's why they were the perfect partner to train our staff on de-escalation techniques that center our shared humanity to keep our clients and visitors feeling seen and our staff safe without involving the police.



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Mental Health Association of San Francisco

Mental Health Association

MARCH

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30	31 César Chávez's Birthday 					

The Mental Health Association of San Francisco's Post Incarceration Peer Support (PIPS) program provides case management and peer counseling to help people with mental health conditions to improve health outcomes and reduce repeated contact with the criminal system. Public defenders serve some of the most vulnerable people in our city who are often criminalized as a result of their mental health conditions or substance use disorders. Our social workers work hard to find supportive services for our clients with these needs, and PIPS has been a key provider.



Roadmap to Peace

APRIL

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27	28	29	30	Genocide Remembrance Day		

Roadmap to Peace, a community-driven coalition, addresses youth violence in San Francisco. Our public defender social workers from our End the Cycle initiative and our Youth Defender Unit connect youth with culturally competent services through Roadmap to Peace, helping individuals heal and advance their lives after arrest in ways that go beyond what the system traditionally offers.



 **Sunset Youth**
SERVICES

Sunset Youth Services

MAY

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				Harvey Milk Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day					

Our Youth Defender Unit partners with Sunset Youth Services to help young clients transcend system involvement. In addition to case management, they offer mentorship, family support, and creative programs in music, digital arts, and technology—providing both practical skills and lasting community connections.

JUNE

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Juneteenth

GLIDE Memorial Church and its Center for Social Justice have been a key partner in fighting racial and economic injustice. Our Public Defender's Integrity and Policy Units collaborated with GLIDE and 110+ organizations to implement the country's most comprehensive "pretext stop" policy to reduce racial profiling in traffic stops. Public Defender Raju honored Rev. Cecil Williams's legacy by addressing the congregation on his posthumous birthday. Our Clean Slate team also runs an expungement clinic at GLIDE.



Californians for Safety & Justice

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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For 25 years, the Public Defender's Clean Slate program has helped tens of thousands of people obtain life-changing expungements that open doors to jobs, housing, and peace of mind for their families. Californians for Safety and Justice has been an invigorating partner working to pass and implement changes in state law that have expanded eligibility for expungement. Together, we're spreading the word and offering support for those seeking to finally put the past behind them and thrive.



MAGIC

AUGUST

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Our MAGIC programs truly embody community collaboration. For 20 years, our MAGIC programs have been bringing together dozens of community-based organizations that serve youth and families in neighborhoods that have traditionally been over-represented in the criminal legal system. By engaging youth year-round – such as with our annual Backpack Giveaway back-to-school events – we are proud to be building community strength to keep our youth on track to succeed.



SFSU Project Rebound

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26 Native American Day 	27
28	29	30				

Public defenders know that many of our clients have the potential to excel if given the opportunity and support to obtain higher education. That's why we created the College Pathway Project so that our attorneys and social workers can refer clients to Project Rebound at San Francisco State University and New Directions at City College of San Francisco. These programs support the unique needs of system-involved students and connect them with classes and certification programs that open their lives to new avenues of possibility.



Latino Task Force

OCTOBER

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12	13 Indigenous People's Day 	14	15	16	17	18
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With San Francisco's rich diversity, about 10% of the people whom our public defenders represent are immigrants or limited English proficient speakers and 16% of our clients are Latino/a. Having an arrest or conviction can present obstacles, especially for people who are not citizens. That's why we partner with the Latino Task Force, a coalition that formed in the wake of the pandemic to support community health and economic opportunities. Our multi-lingual Clean Slate expungement team tables at LTF events to help people clean up their records and access services they may otherwise be denied.



HOUSING HEALS
SWEEPS KILL

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Coalition on Homelessness

NOVEMBER

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23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Native American Heritage Day	29
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Public defenders know that criminalizing poverty and homelessness, and destroying personal property during encampment sweeps, further harms vulnerable people. It also diverts public resources toward the carceral system instead of compassionate, more effective solutions to our economic and public health crises. Therefore, we stand with the Coalition on Homelessness in honoring the lives of the 420 unhoused people who passed away in 2024 and in advocating for housing and healthcare over criminalization because “sweeps kill, housing heals.”

A large group of approximately 100 people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are posed for a group photo. They are dressed in professional business attire, such as suits, blouses, and jackets. The group is arranged in several rows, with some individuals in the front row holding a long white banner. The banner is held by a man in a dark suit on the far left and a woman in a blue jacket on the far right. The background shows a building with a large glass entrance. Above the glass doors, the number '555' is visible in a gold or yellow color. The overall atmosphere is positive and celebratory.

**Celebrating the Power
of Community**

DECEMBER

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				Christmas	1st day of Kwanzaa	
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The San Francisco Public Defender's Office motto "Greater Than One" reflects our commitment to building true community health and safety through collaboration. Our community partners inspire us and strengthen our impact beyond our core services, and we're grateful to serve all San Franciscans alongside them.

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CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM

Our Clean Slate program helps people move forward in life by cleaning up their criminal records. To make an appointment at our office or connect with us at one of our community clinics, please visit <https://bit.ly/cleanslatesf> by scanning the QR code, and follow @sfcleanslate on Instagram.



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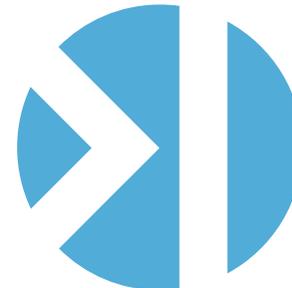
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HOLIDAY KEY

 Indicates courts are closed for a state holiday, but the Public Defender's Office is open.

 Indicates courts are open, but the Public Defender's Office is closed.
Holidays in **red**, the Public Defender's Office is closed.
Holidays in **blue**, the Public Defender's Office is open.



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