

Michael A. Hestrin District Attorney



FY 22/23 BUDGET PRESENTATION
June 13, 2022

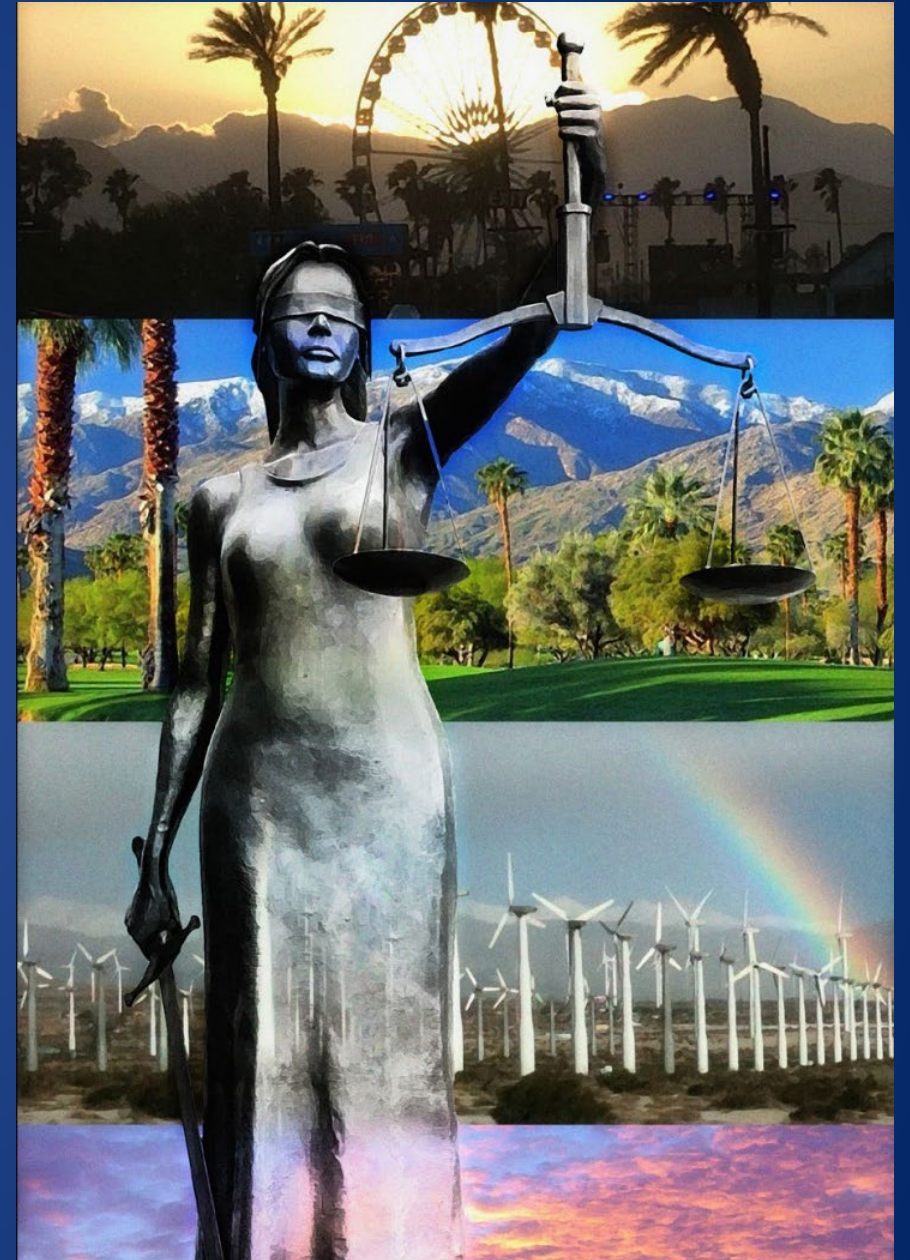
YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Serving the 4th largest population in CA in the nation's 10th largest county with approximately 2.5M citizens in 28 cities and unincorporated areas:

- Locations: 4 regional offices (East, West, South-West and Mid-County) and 2 satellite offices (Blythe, Juvenile)
- Current Staff: 737 employees (includes 47 candidates in background) including attorneys, investigators, victim services advocates, technicians and support staff.
- Current Operating Budget: \$157.8M (\$85.4M non-NCC)

Accomplishments

- Combating Fentanyl Related Crimes
- Riverside County Regional Cold Case Team
- Advances in Technology
- Collaboration/Innovation in Criminal Justice:
 - Homeless Court
 - Veterans Treatment Court
- Countywide Task Forces:
 - RCCET
 - GIT

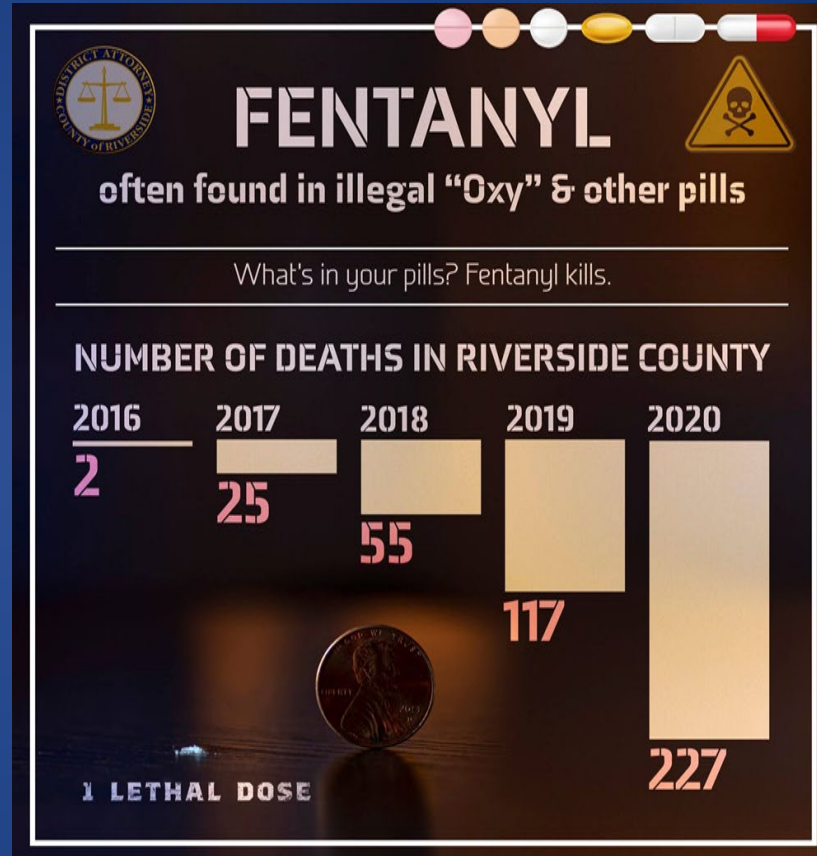


COMBATING FENTANYL RELATED CRIMES

FENTANYL
HAS TAKEN THE LIVES OF **AT LEAST 434**
PEOPLE IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY SINCE 2016.
IT TAKES **LESS THAN 1/5TH OF A SINGLE**
TEASPOON TO CAUSE 434 DEATHS.



2 MILLIGRAMS
1/2500 TEASPOON
1 LETHAL OVERDOSE



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY HAS 20 ACTIVE CASES INVOLVING
FENTANYL RELATED DEATHS**

Combating Fentanyl in the Community

- Multidisciplinary Team
- Billboards
- Public Information Campaign:
 - Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok)
- Education:
 - First Responders
 - Prosecutors



RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL COLD CASE HOMICIDE TEAM

Participants of the Regional Cold Case Team:

- Riverside County District Attorney's Office
- Riverside County Sheriff's Office
- Riverside Police Department
- California Department of Justice
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- Other Agencies (as needed)
- Private DNA Labs (as needed)



RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL COLD CASE TEAM

People v. Darin Cooke (Serial Rape)

People v. Sharron Eugene Gadlin (Murder)

People v. James Kirksey (Special Circumstances Murder)

People v. Ernesto Landeros (Murder)

People v. Russell Austin (Special Circumstances Murder)

A total of four cold case murders and one cold case serial rape case have been filed in the past four years

Advances in Technology

- Case Central
- Criminal Justice Information Storage
- Electronic Discovery
- Security Event/Incident Mgmt.



Innovations in Criminal Justice (Homeless Court)

Mission: To reduce recidivism and protect public safety by collaboratively addressing and treating the underlying needs of program participants suffering from homelessness and providing adequate supervision and support for participants to ensure success in the program.

Countywide Partners: RUHS-BH; Superior Court, City Attorney, Public Defender, Criminal Defense Lawyers, Probation, Sheriff, Mental Health, Desert Conflict Panel and Law Offices of Virginia M. Blumenthal

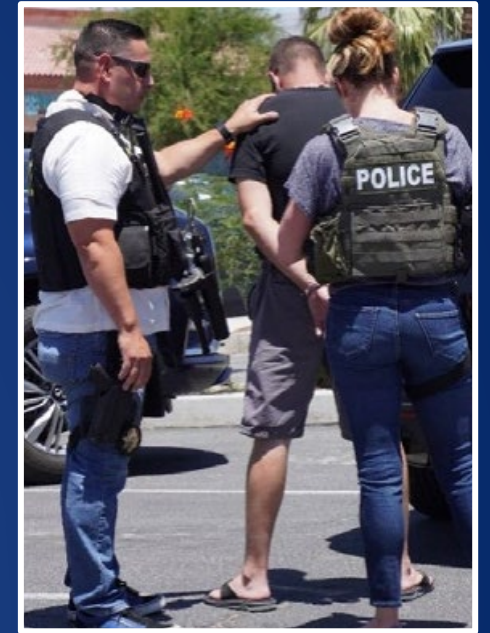
New Allocation: \$448K (Prop 172)

Innovations in Criminal Justice (Veterans Treatment Court)

- Collaborative Approach:
 - Riverside County District Attorney
 - Riverside County Superior Court
 - Probation Department
 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 - RUHS
 - Public Defender
- Eligible individuals are former members of the United States military AND suffer from a mental health problem or substance abuse.
- Program length: 12-18 months.
- Several hundred graduates of the Program.



Countywide Task Forces Riverside County Child Exploitation Team (RCCET)



	2020	2021	Total
Cyber Tips Received	2,602	3,874	6,476
Search Warrants	587	468	1,055
Arrests	99	149	248

Countywide Task Forces-Gang Impact Team (GIT)

Period	Homicide Arrests	Total Arrests	Guns	Meth	Heroin	Cocaine	Fentanyl	Pills
FY 2015-YTD	105	1,407	1,087	1,995 lbs.	7 lbs.	46 lbs.	2,622 lbs.	75k



Challenges

- Criminal Caseloads
- Covid-19 Recovery
- Legal Mandates
- Body Worn Camera

Mission Statement

The District Attorney of Riverside County, as the public prosecutor acting on behalf of the People, vigorously enforces the law, pursues the truth, and safeguards the rights of all to ensure that justice is done on behalf of our community.

The District Attorney works with every component of the criminal justice system to protect the innocent, to convict and appropriately punish the guilty, and to protect the rights of victims.

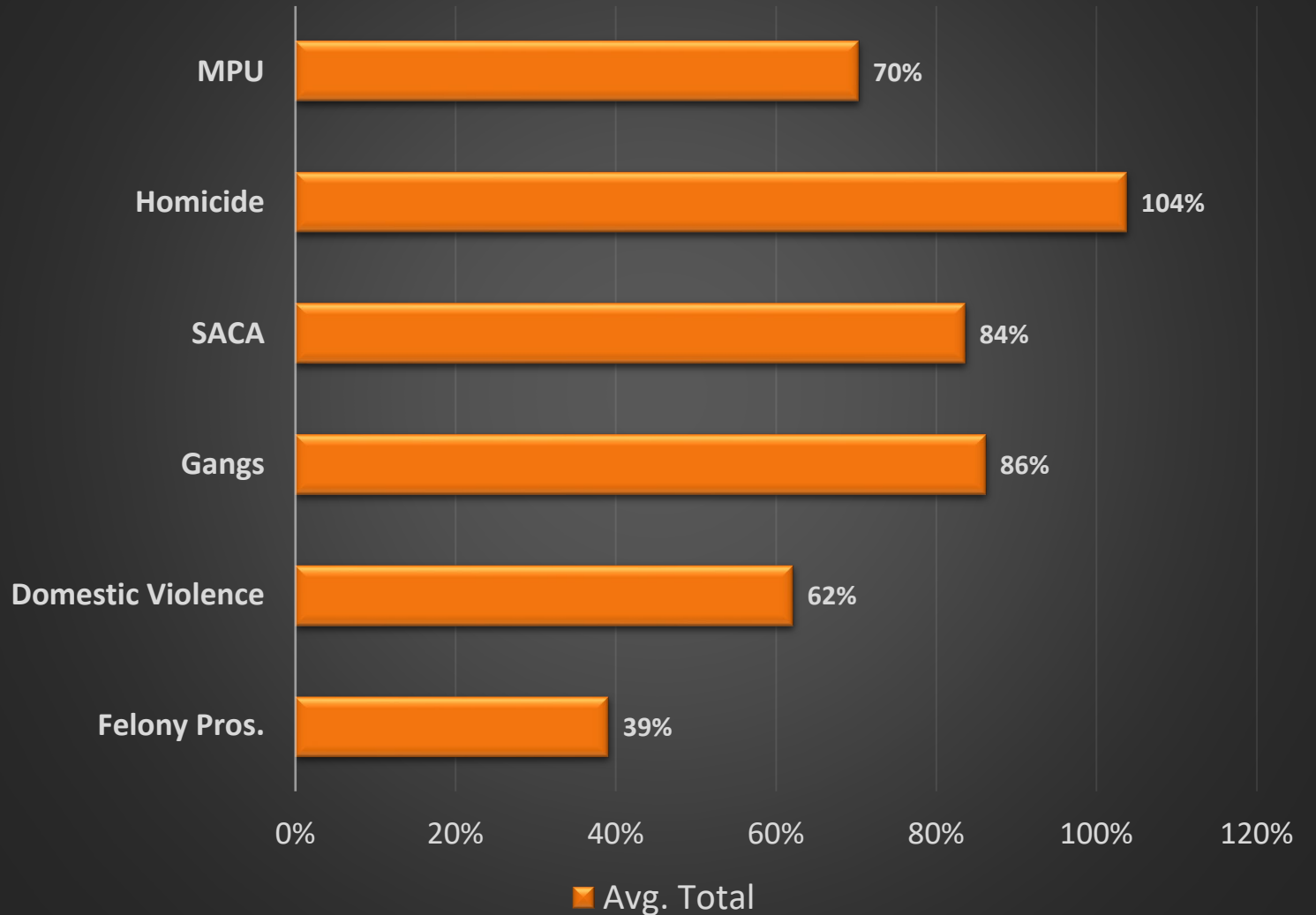
The District Attorney also works within our community to prevent and deter crime and to promote public safety, now and for future generations.

The District Attorney fulfills these critical responsibilities through the efforts of the employees of the District Attorney's Office, and each employee is integral to achieving this mission. To that end, we, the employees of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, will adopt the highest standards of ethical behavior and professionalism and proudly commit ourselves to the following core values in the performance of our duties:

Integrity, Respect, Quality, Loyalty, Teamwork,
Partnership, Innovation, Fairness, and Service.

COVID RECOVERY CASELOAD EFFECT

Countywide Increase in District Attorney Total Caseloads

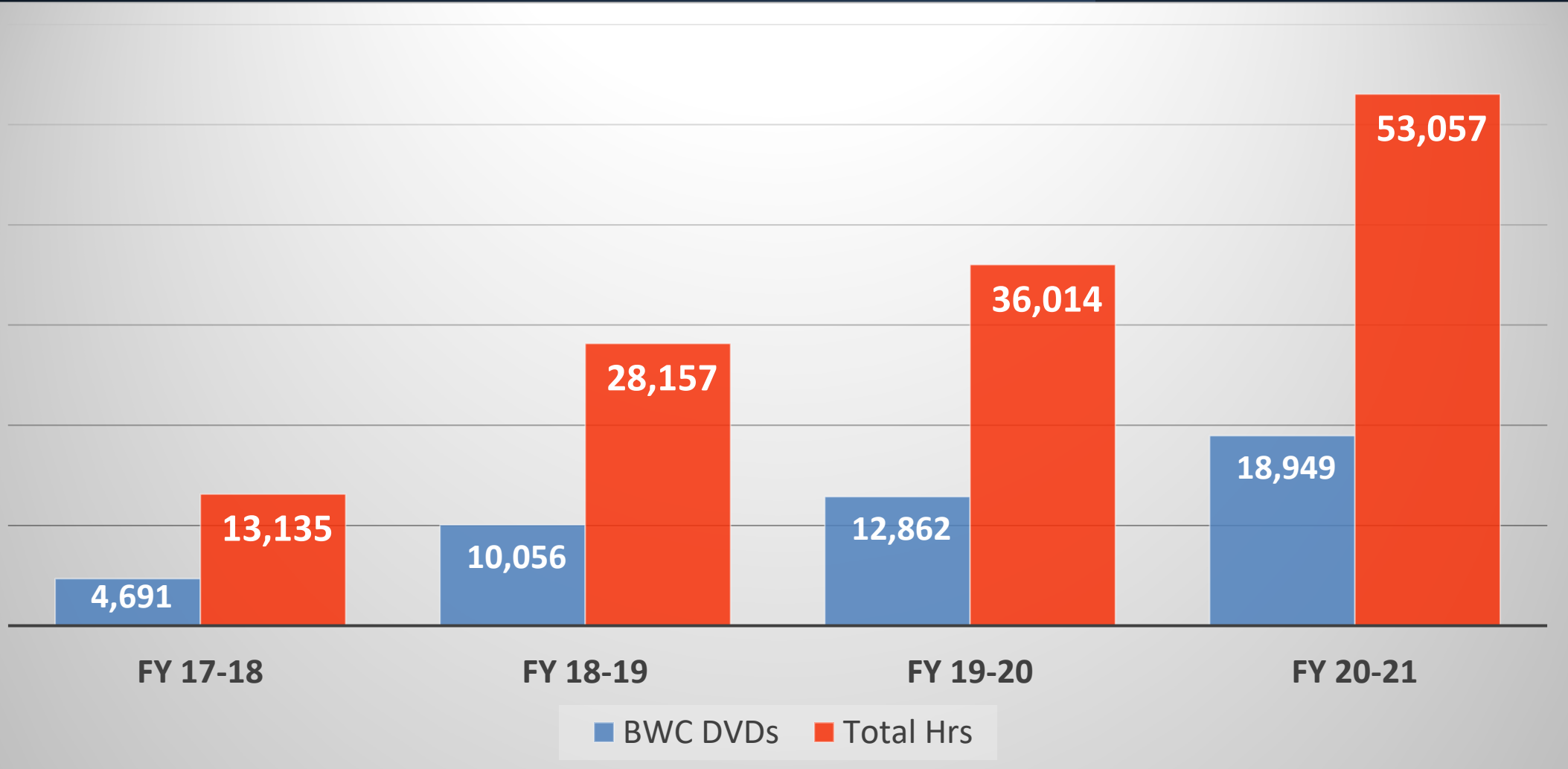


Unfunded Legal Mandates*

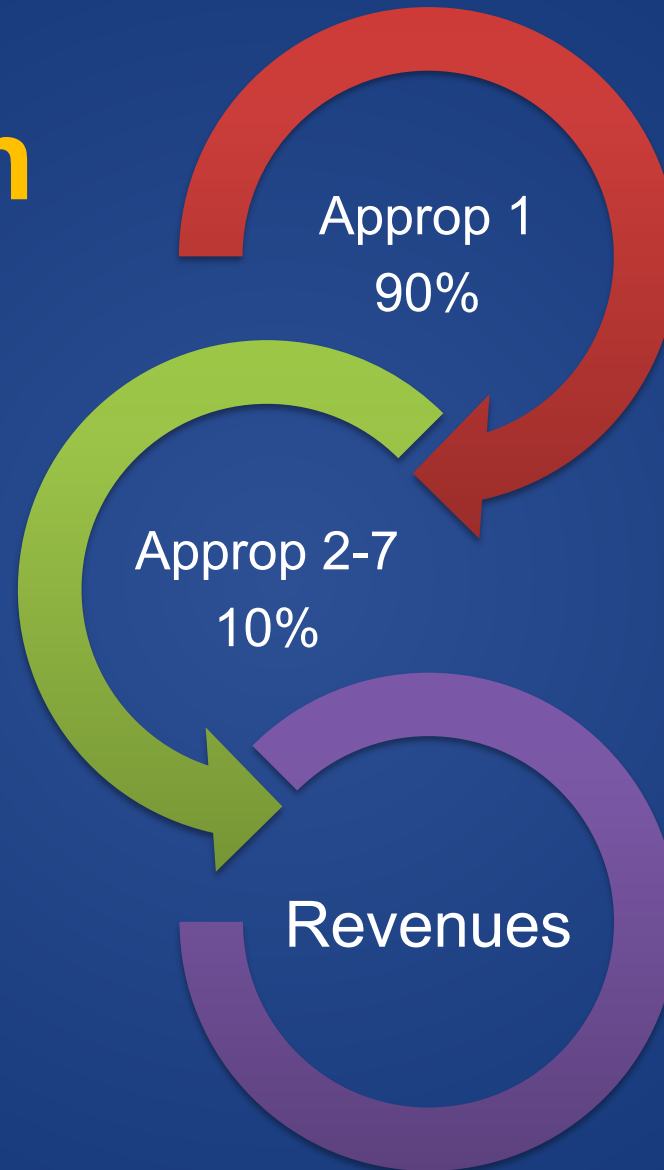
- **SB 483 – Resentencing process to eliminate prison priors**
- **SB 1437 - Murder**
- **SB 1393 - Reducing sentences for serious/violent felons**
- **SB 384 - Tiered sex offender registration**
- **SB 620 - Using a firearm in the commission of a crime**
- **Prop 66 - Death Penalty**
- **AB 1950 - Retroactive Reductions in Probationary Terms**
- **SB 1421 - Public Records Act Peace Officer Requests**
- **AB 124 - Expand the Process for Vacating Convictions**
- **AB 256 - Retroactive treatment of California Racial Justice Act**
- **AB 1127 - Prohibition of Juvenile Adjudications from Strike Priors**
- **AB 1245 - Permit a 15 yr. time served for petition, recall and resentencing**
- **AB 1987 - Post conviction discovery issues**

*** This is only a snapshot, not a comprehensive list**

EVOLUTION OF THE DA Body Worn Cameras



The Breakdown of the District Attorney's Budget



- Salaries/Benefits
- Temporary Staff
- Buy down/Payoffs
- Services/Supplies
- ISF/Contracts/Utilities
- Equipment/Furniture
- Prop 172
- Federal Pass thru
- State/Local
- Sub-Fund Revenue

FY 21/22 - Current Status-update

Requested NCC: \$86.3M

Current NCC Allocation: \$86.3M

REMAINING DEFICIT: \$0M

PROJECTED DEFICIT: \$0M

PROJECTED Surplus: \$0.8M

FY 22/23 Fiscal Overview

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ADDITIONAL NCC NEEDED:

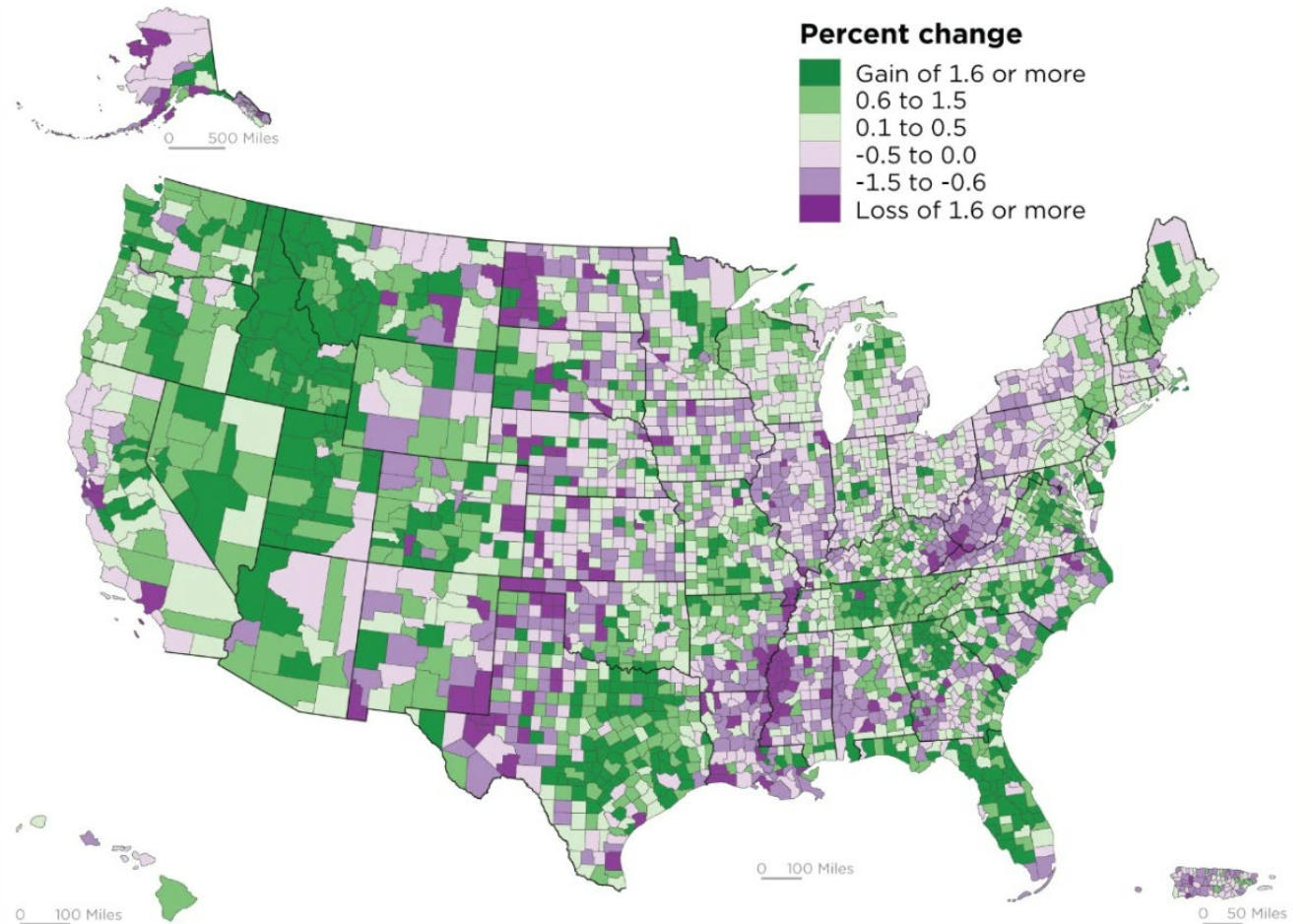
Critical Backfills/Mandates \$3.6M

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POPULATION GROWTH

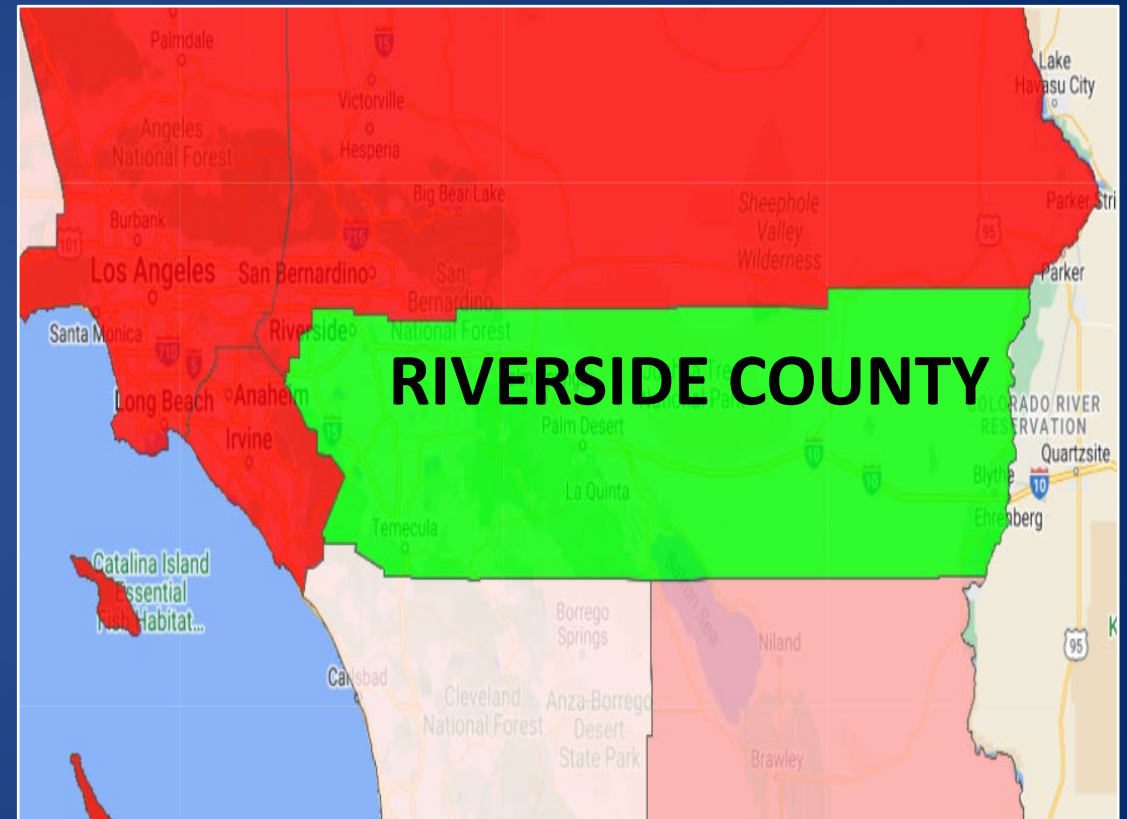
Where Counties are Growing

Percent Change in Population by County: 2020 to 2021

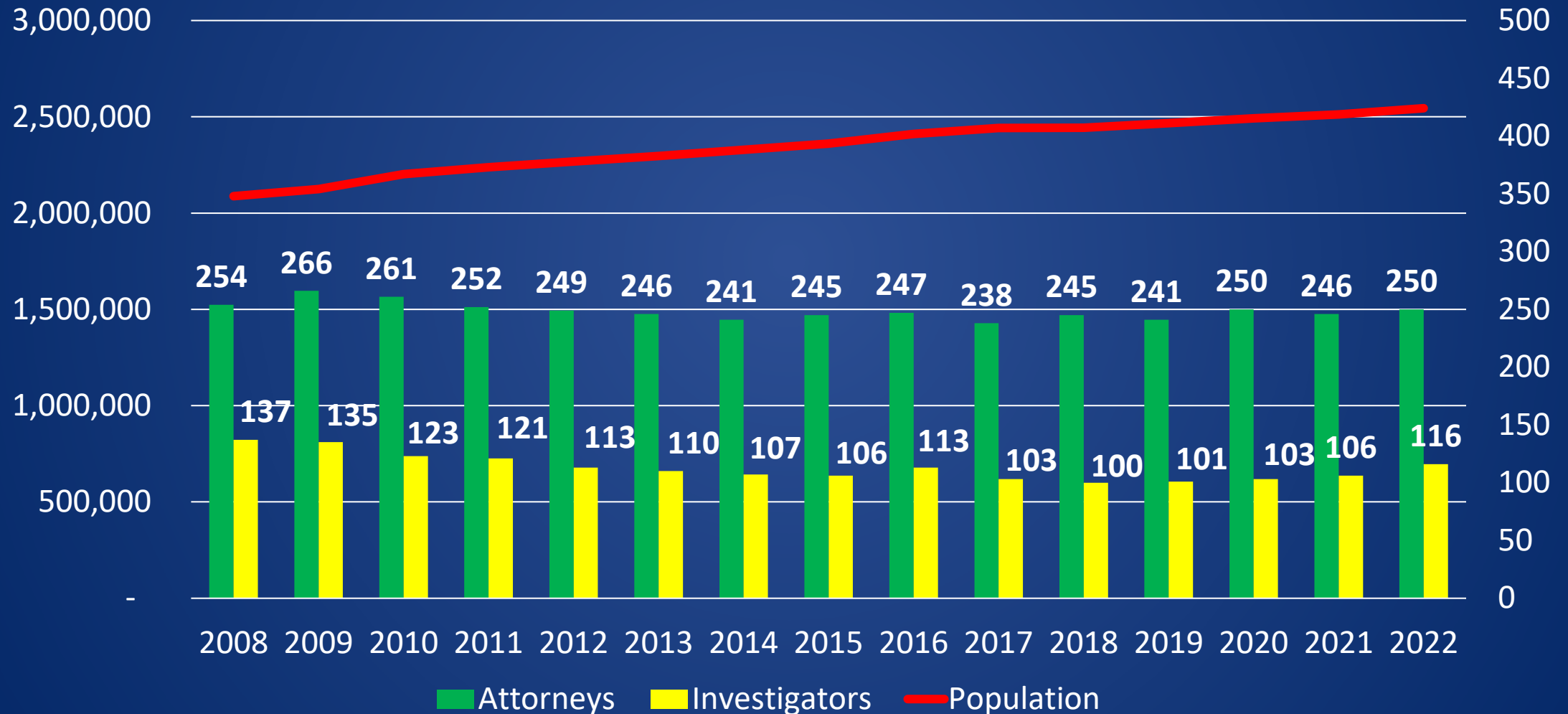


DESIREABILITY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- Gained Population from:
 - Los Angeles County: 162,000
 - Orange County: 129,000
 - San Diego County: 61,177
- Gained Wealth from:
 - Los Angeles County (\$6.14b)
 - Orange County (\$4.98b)
 - San Diego County (\$2.82b)



Rising Population - Decreasing Staff



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