



Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

2019-2020 MCDA staffing crisis highlights



- An independently validated study of Deputy District Attorney staffing levels revealed that MCDA is currently **44% understaffed** which equates to the need for an **additional 41** Deputy District Attorneys (see attached weighted case report).

- The per capita ratio of District Attorneys in other similarly sized west coast county DA's offices ranges between **10 and 17** Deputy District Attorneys per 100,000 people.
- The current per capita ratio of MCDA attorneys is **9.3** Deputy District Attorneys per 100,000.
- Since 2001, the MCDA has experienced an **18% reduction** in Deputy District Attorneys.



- Because Multnomah County's population has grown by more than 22% since 2001, this equates to a **32.5% decline** in MCDA attorney staffing levels.
- A 3% general fund constraint coupled with the elimination of other state and federal funding equates to a loss of **15%** of MCDA's *entire* general fund budget.
- **82%** of the *entire* MCDA budget is spent on personnel costs.

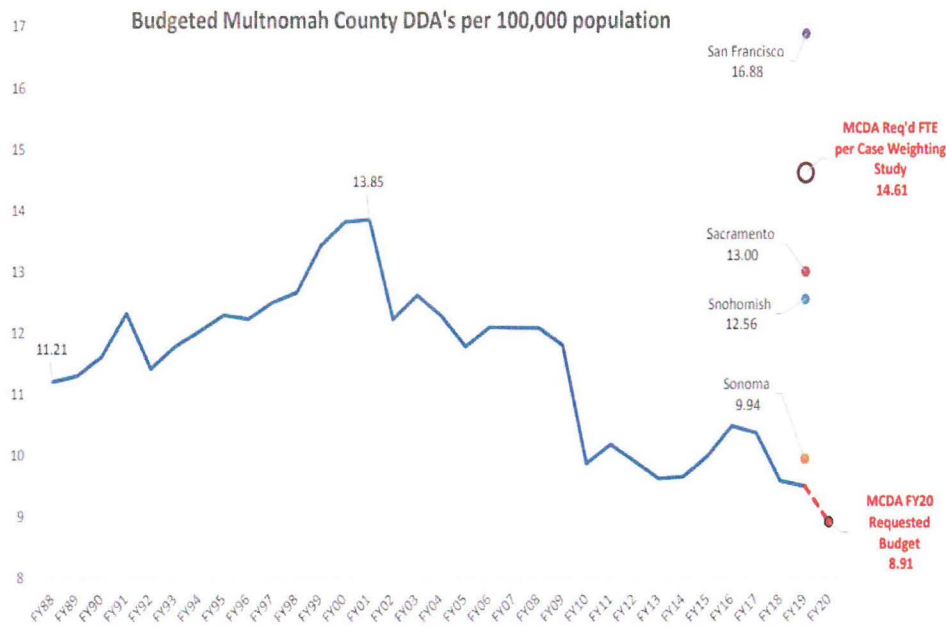
- MCDA is projected to lose *more than* **\$4M** in the next fiscal year, which pays for more than **18** Deputy District Attorneys and **8 staff members!**



- **Critical MCDA prosecution functions will, necessarily, be entirely eliminated if Deputy District Attorney positions are further reduced, which will negatively impact our public safety system.**

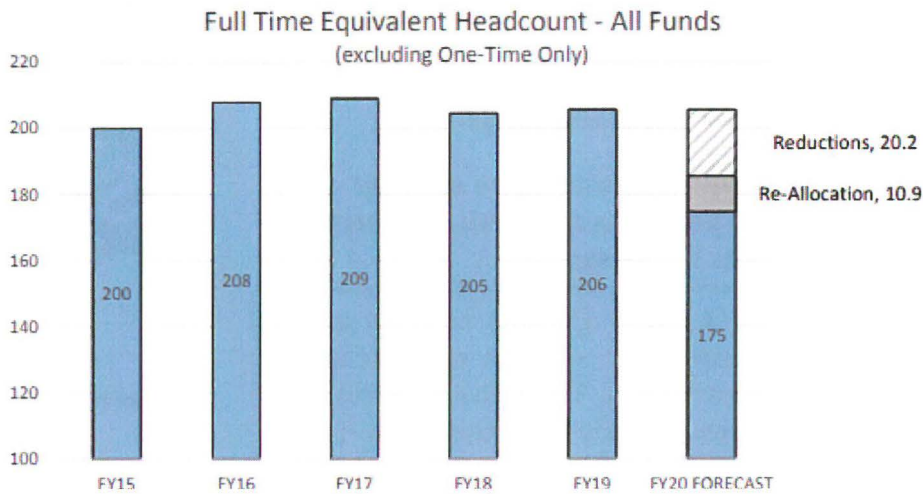


The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (MCDA) consists of 74 Deputy District Attorneys and approximately 120 support staff including legal assistants, victim advocates, and investigators. The office receives and reviews approximately 20,000 criminal cases annually for prosecution. These include misdemeanor crimes such as unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, minor assaults and driving under the influence of intoxicants. These crimes also include major felonies such as severe child abuse, kidnapping, rape, armed robbery and murder. In addition to criminal prosecution, the office handles juvenile delinquency and dependency work for families, enforcement of child support obligations, extraditions, criminal record expungements and public records request appeals. MCDA Deputy District Attorneys also provide critical training to law enforcement agencies, attend numerous community meetings, facilitate "Legal Services Day" and sit on more than 60 different justice-related committees, boards and workgroups. MCDA Deputy District Attorneys also participate in several treatment court and specialty court programs in an effort to divert offenders out of the criminal justice system and reduce racial and ethnic disparities among criminally involved offenders and crime victims.



Above: Graph of DDA-to-population ratio from 1988 to present

MCDCA - FY20 Requested Budget



Above: Graph of all MCDCA staffing levels from FY15 to projected FY20

Of significant note:

As of July 1, 2019, the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) contract between the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the State of Oregon, Department of Human Services, will expire. The contract was not renewed. This will have a direct impact on the Juvenile Unit because the current four TDR Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) positions and the current four delinquency and dependency DDAs are currently paid for by the DHS contract.

As a result of TPR funding being taken away, the Juvenile Unit will be released from 11 to three DDAs.

Our involvement in TPR cases ensures that child safety is paramount and comes before individual party interests.

Our Juvenile Unit coordinates criminal and dependency prosecutions, providing essential information and advocacy to parties and judges to keep children safe.

Continuing our involvement in MDT and Juvenile Unit dependency cases promotes public safety through crime reduction and crime prevention and puts child safety first.

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Subject: Request for communications slot on 11-13-2019
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Karla,

I am emailing as a representative of the Westside Public Safety Action Coalition (WPSAC) respectfully requesting to speak during Tiffany Hammer's communication slot scheduled for 11-13-2019.

Specifically, on behalf of WPSAC, I would like to present a 3-minute brief on the community benefits achievable through the formation and implementation of a City Municipal Court (Muni-Court).

The brief will highlight Muni-Court examples, Muni-Court roles and responsibilities and community-based Muni-Court outcomes for citizens and the City of Portland.

We at WPSAC look forward to the opportunity to share vision.

Respectfully,

Alex Stone

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Request of Alex Stone to address Council regarding formation and implementation of a city municipal court (Communication)

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2. Fish		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
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