

Department Name: Office of the District Attorney

The District Attorney (DA), an elected official, represents the people of the County in all criminal actions arising within the County. Ultimate responsibility includes investigation, gathering of evidence, and case preparation with the active coordination and cooperation of law enforcement agencies in the County. The staff of the DA prosecutes violators of state and local laws, serves as legal counsel for the Grand Jury on criminal matters, and operates the Laboratory of Forensic Services. We also represent the interests of the citizens of the County in consumer and environmental protection.

Reduction: Proposed to Final: \$154,944

Budget for Proposition 172 Funding As of 2009-10 Adopted Proposed	2009-10 Annual Reduction	Revised Budget	% Reduced	Total Program FTEs	Reduction in FTEs	% Reduced
\$9,075,016	\$154,944	\$8,920,072	1.7%	434.2	0.0	0.0%

Program Impact:

Funding from statewide sales tax, Proposition 172, is spread throughout the DA's many programs. The Adopted Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget reflected a reduction of \$552,000 in Proposition 172 estimated funding resulting in reduced overall program funding. A total of 50.4 FTE positions were deleted at Proposed Budget hearings and are reflected in the Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

An additional \$154,944 reduction in Proposition 172 funding will further erode the DA's ability to fulfill their mission and constitutional mandate. Further program reductions in the DA's office would directly affect our ability to prosecute crimes, resulting in increased crime rates, more businesses will engage in unfair business practices thereby threatening existence of law-abiding businesses; more illegal environmental and toxic dumping will go unchecked and the community's safety will be at risk.

At this time, we are not going to further reduce our appropriations until we know what the Board is going to do about the .908 proposal. Since we have agreed to the .908 plan for the 220 DA employees that would be affected, we will realize sufficient savings to cover the shortfall in Proposition 172 reduced revenue. If the Board of Supervisors does not adopt the .908 proposal we will be forced to revisit the issue and ask the Board to address the DA's shortfall.