

# Building Momentum for Change: Funding Equitable and Historic Investments

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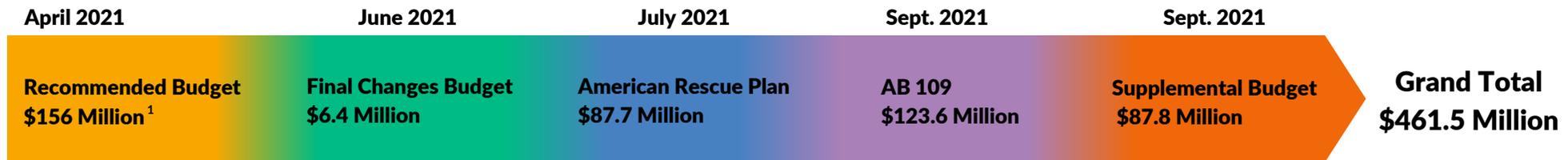
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## The Big Picture: \$461.5 million for *Care First, Jails Last*

- Los Angeles County is in a historic and transformative moment in its history. We are making the Board of Supervisors' vision of a **more just and more equitable L.A. County** a reality.
- We laid the foundation for progress, standing up new systems and creating the budgetary infrastructure to support accelerating growth that will realize the Board's *Care First, Jails Last* vision.
- Upon adopting recommendations in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Supplemental Budget, we will invest nearly **half a billion dollars** in new funding to community-based and justice reform efforts.
  - This is on top of significant investments made in previous years.
- We created new units and initiatives in the CEO's office to directly address the broader systemic issues. Those units and initiatives are:
  - Alternatives to Incarceration
  - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
  - Poverty Alleviation Initiative
- We are creating the Jail Closure Implementation Team to decompress and close Men's Central Jail.

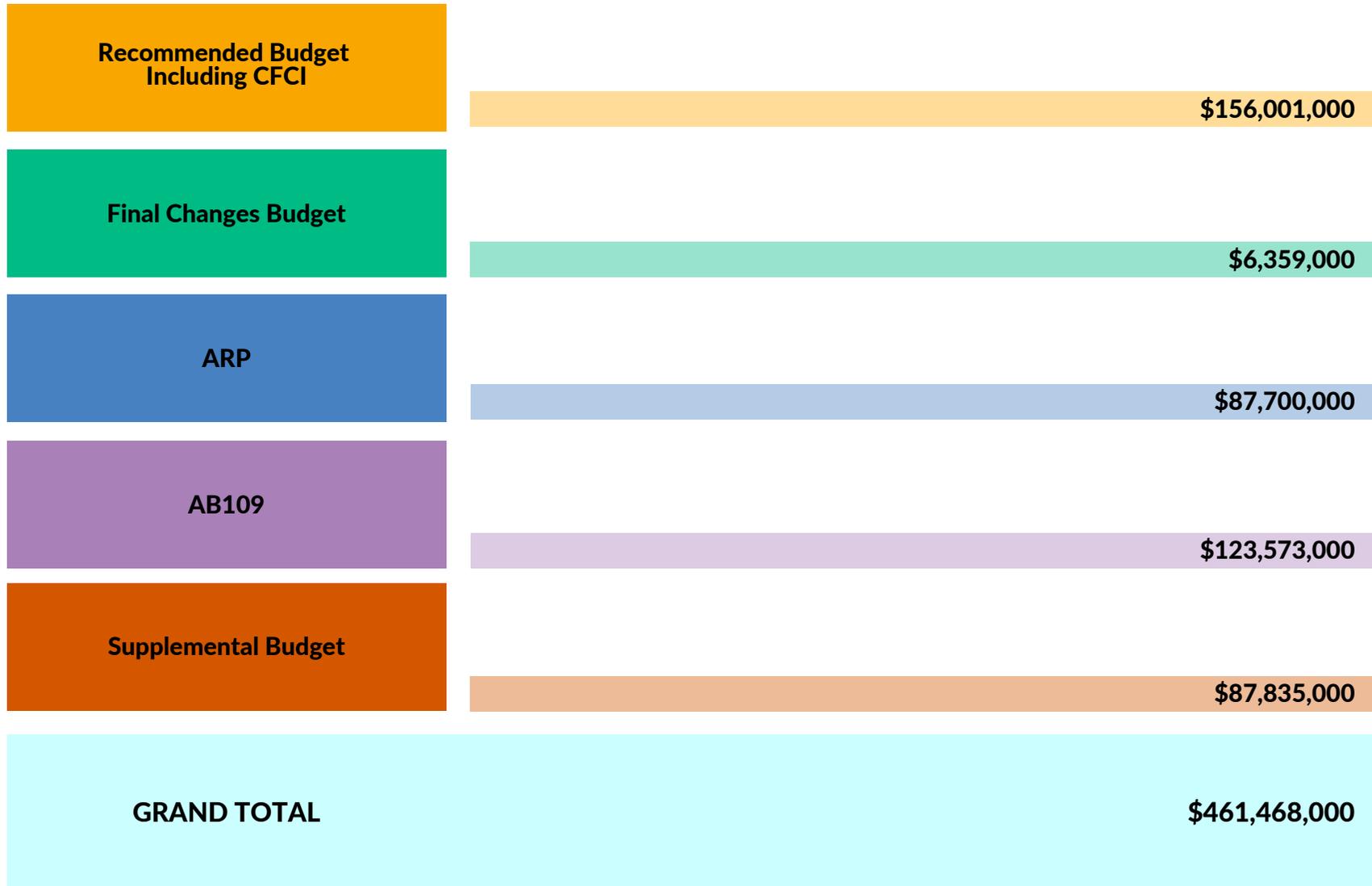
# Marking Progress and Advancing Momentum



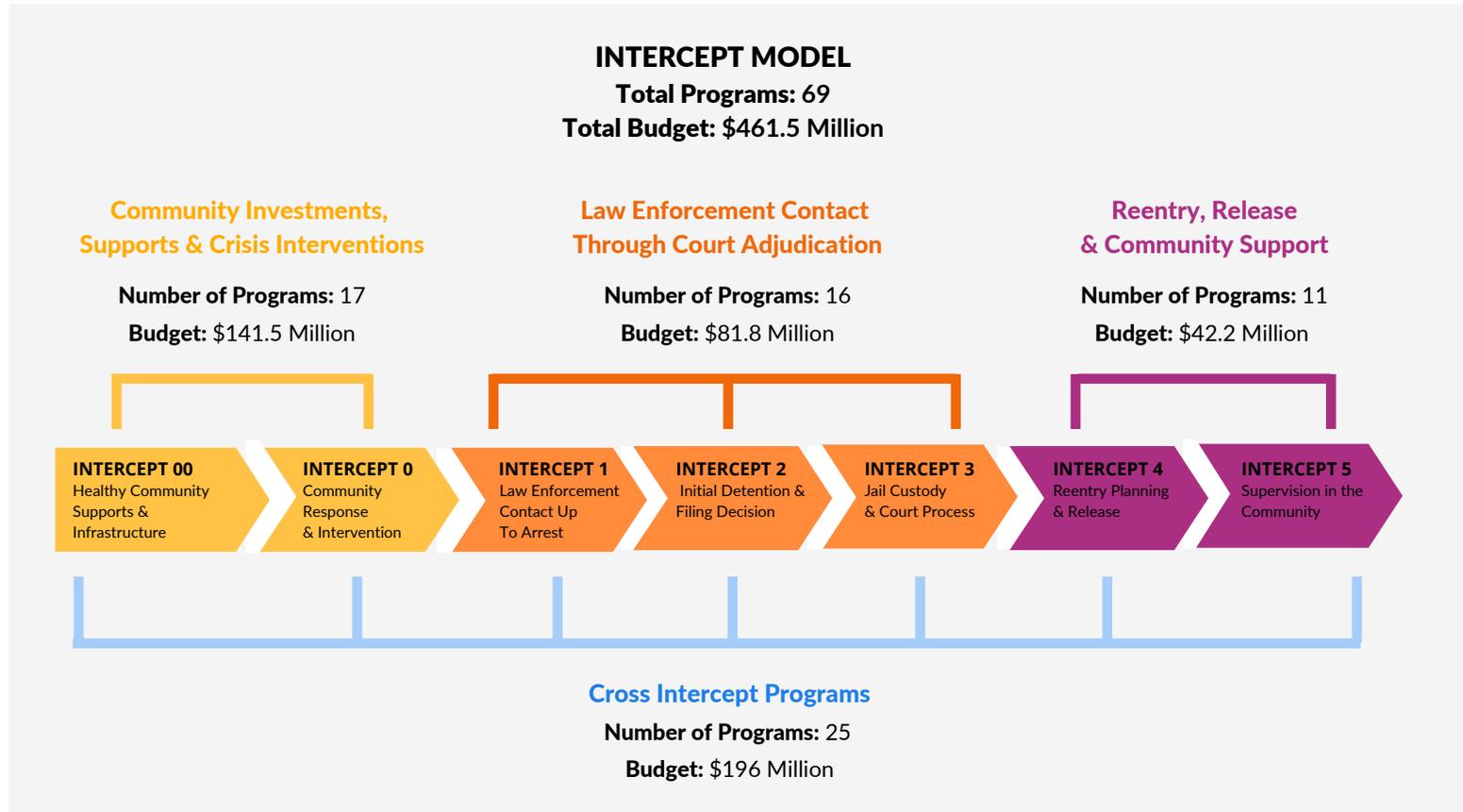
- The Supplemental Budget marks the final step in the County’s annual budget process and builds on the momentum already established to advance the Board of Supervisors' *Care First, Jails Last* vision
- The budget process is iterative and at each stage of the FY 2021-2022 budget, we have built upon unprecedented investments in our communities.
- This FY 2021-2022 budget commits **\$461.5 million** to *Care First, Jails Last* programming and services.
- We have built upon the initial **\$156 million** (including \$100 million in Care First Community Investment) allocated in April's Recommended Budget with an additional **\$305 million** through subsequent budget actions to meet the Board of Supervisors' vision of *Care First, Jails Last*.

<sup>1</sup>The total CFCI commitment is \$187.7 million. \$100 million was included in Recommended Budget and \$87.7 million is leveraged from ARP funding.

## Breakdown of *Care First, Jails Last* Allocations



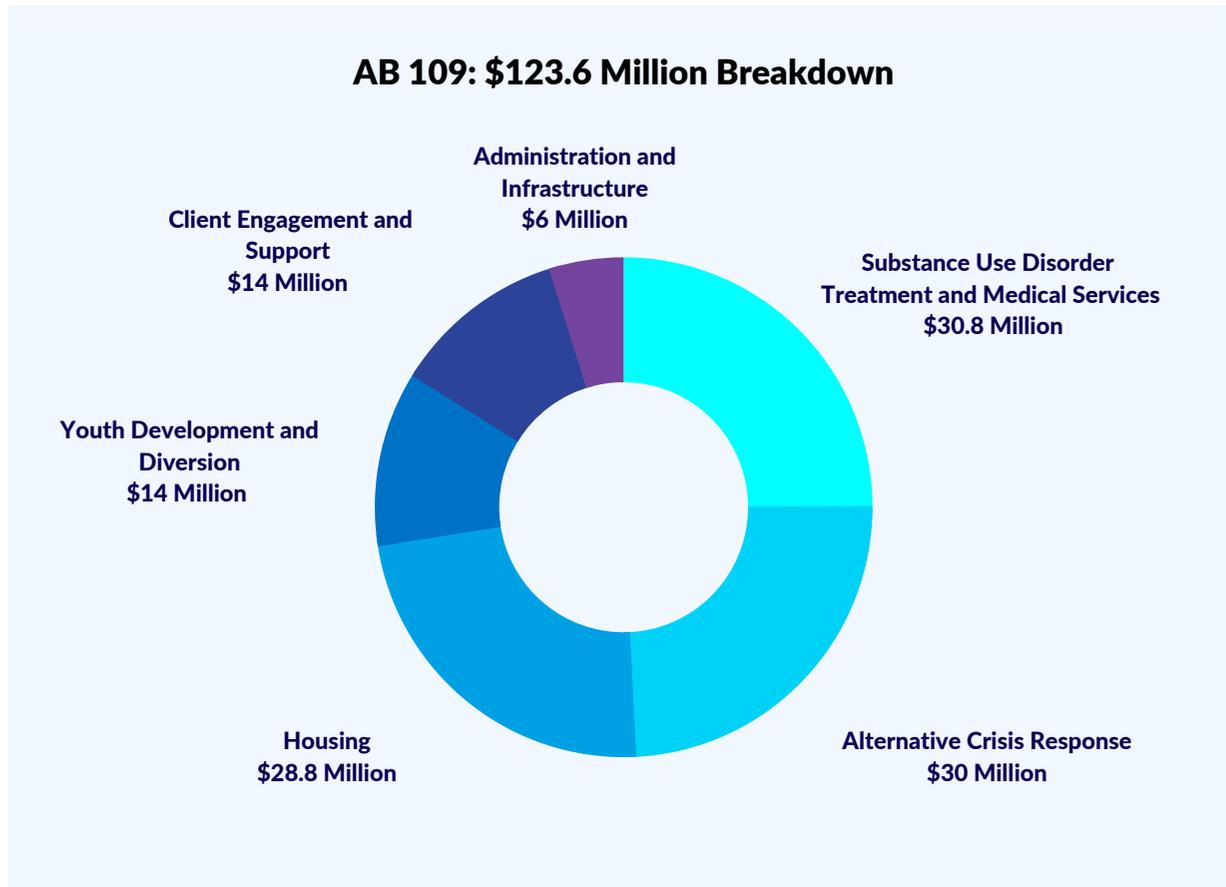
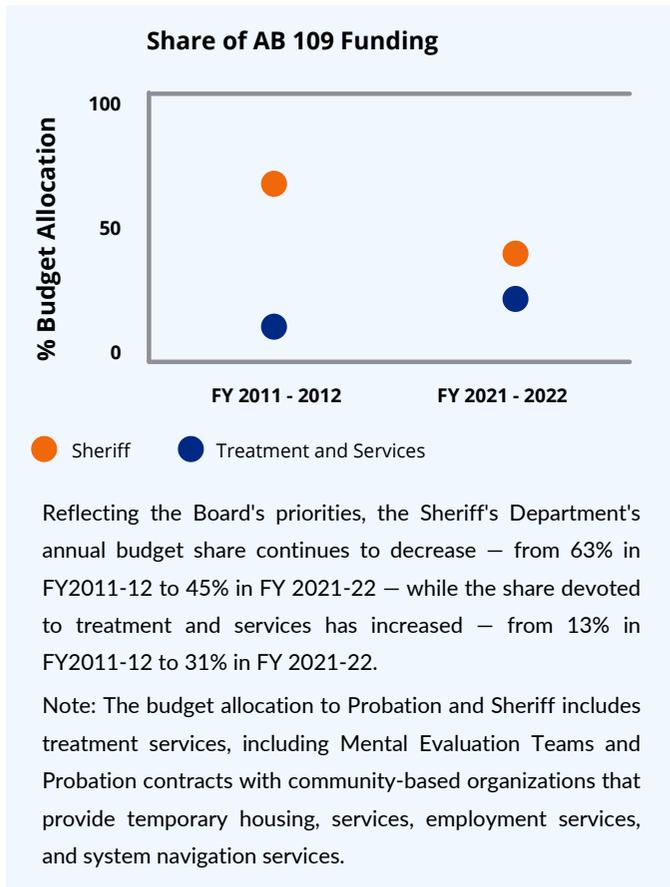
# Care First, Jails Last – Investing for Maximum Impact



- Our investments have a direct impact on people in our communities. We reach people at critical moments of their lives.
- Using the Alternatives to Incarceration *Intercept Model*, we’ve determined there are three phases that are critical for interventions to provide the best outcome for individuals and our communities as a whole. Some programs touch multiple phases.
- This is the model we’ll be using to ensure that our budgeting is in line with the Board’s vision of *Care First, Jails Last*.

## AB 109: Closing the Gap

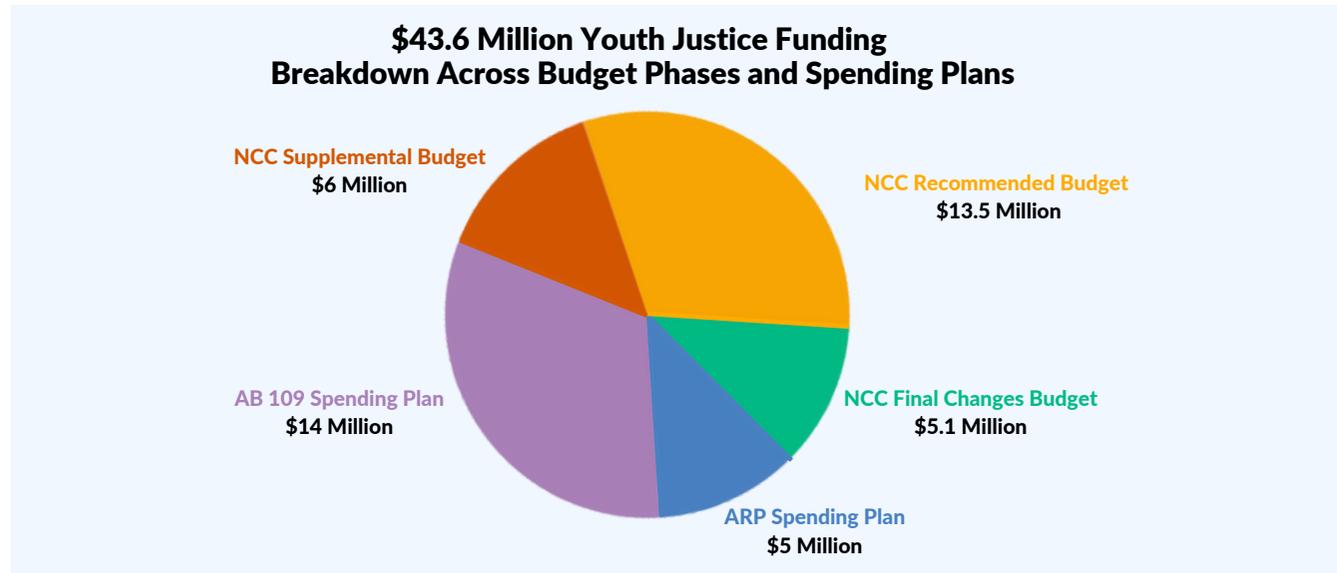
- At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT) has been charged with revising the original AB 109 implementation plan to reflect the *Care First, Jails Last* vision.





## A Focus on Youth

- This fiscal year’s budget reflects the Board’s continued commitment to *Youth Justice Reimagined* — a paradigm shift from a punitive model and towards a youth-centric development model.
  - **Youth Justice Reimagined Development Fund - \$27.4 million** of one-time funding is being set aside to support the implementation of the Youth Development Department and related needs.
  - **Youth-focused funding throughout the budgeting process** - More than **\$43.6 million** in new funding (ARP, AB 109, CFCI, NCC) have been committed this fiscal year toward Youth-focused funding throughout the budgeting process.



\$43.6 million allocation
+
\$27.4 million set-aside
=
\$71 million for Youth Justice Reimagined

## A More Just and More Equitable L.A. County

- At every stage of the budget process, we built on existing investments and leveraged state and federal funding to bring the Board's vision of *Care First, Jails Last* to life.
- We are using the Alternatives to Incarceration *Intercept Model* to categorize our funding plans so that we know exactly how our budget is making the Board's vision a reality.
- Youth have a special focus. We want to make sure youth in need are supported and set up for a lifetime of success.
- Over time, these sustained and historic investments will transform L.A. County into a more just and more equitable community for all.





## Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Investments

- **LA vs Hate** - **\$114,000** to the Los Angeles County Department Of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services from the Department of Mental Health for the 211 hotline to connect witnesses or victims of hate and bullying with supportive services.
- **LGBTQ+ Support Services** - **\$3.6 million** to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), partially offset with \$945,000 in federal funding, to create and implement youth development programs that focus on permanency.
- **Toward a Color-Blind Child Welfare System: Pilot Program for Safeguarding Against Racial Bias** - **\$150,000** to DCFS, partially offset with \$39,000 in State and federal revenue, for evaluation, training, and support provided by the UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families to develop and pilot color-blind removals.

## Lifting Up Our Seniors, Regional Development and Jobs

- To better serve our residents, we are realigning the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) for the eventual establishment of two new departments – *Department of Economic and Workforce Development* and *Department of Aging and Community Services*.
- **It's a three-phase process starting with a realigned WDACS that will lead to two new departments to ensure efficient departmental organization and optimization.**
- This budget commits **\$1.6 million** to the WDACS for phase one of implementation.
- Next Steps: We will bring on new executive leadership and re-align the WDACS organizational framework to create two new departments.



## Continuing the Fight Against Homelessness

We are committing historic levels of funding to address the homelessness crisis — **\$527 million, including \$494 million** from Measure H.

Here's how we're doing it:

- Increasing funding for permanent housing solutions, including housing vouchers and services in new project-based units
- Expanding and sustaining interim/bridge housing beds
- Enhancing the emergency shelter system
- Supporting regional coordination and implementation of Councils of Governments' and cities' homelessness plans
- Enhancing services for transition-age youth



**\$67.5 million** for a total of **\$494.3 million** to fund Measure H strategies



**\$33.8 million** in Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention funds



**\$7.7 million** to WDACS to support adults and seniors receiving adult protective services who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless.



**\$500,000** for Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness

Thank you

CEO

