



# Measure 34-296: Public Safety Levy

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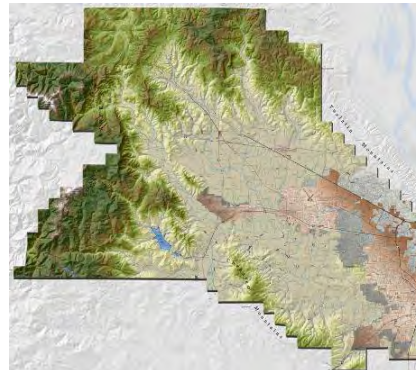
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# Proposed Public Safety Levy

Who receives services from the current levy?

- City neighborhoods
- Urban unincorporated communities
- Rural areas



# Proposed Public Safety Levy

If passed, what would the proposed levy do?

- Replace a five-year levy expiring in June 2021
- Continue countywide public safety services at the current level of service (\$187.7m, 168.5 positions)
- Add services to address increased domestic violence & emergency shelter caseloads (\$9.8m, 11 positions)





# Current Service Level If the Proposed Levy Passes

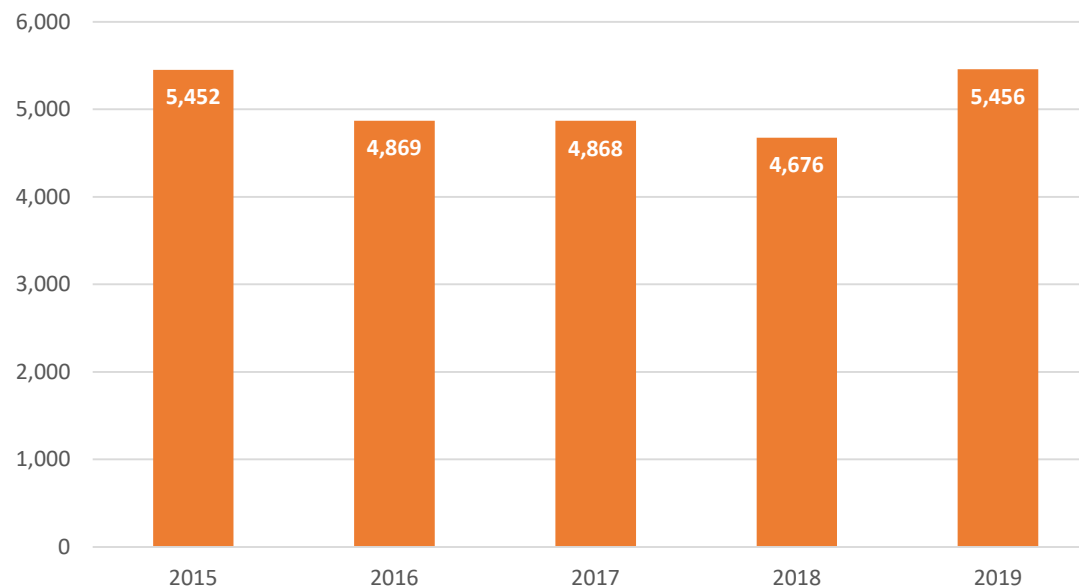
# What current service level funding would be provided if the proposed levy passes?

- Prosecution services addressing crimes throughout the county (25.3 District Attorney's Office positions)
- Treatment and supervision of those who may be released to the community, including compliance monitoring for registered sex offenders and others with court-ordered supervision requirements. (31 Community Corrections positions)
- Supervision and treatment of juvenile offenders. (11 Juvenile Department positions)



# What current service level funding would be provided if the proposed levy passes?

- Law enforcement personnel providing countywide services in investigations, forensics and special teams. (101.25 Sheriff's Office positions)
- Example: trained mental health responders including deputies and mental health professionals helping people in crisis get medical assistance instead of going to jail.

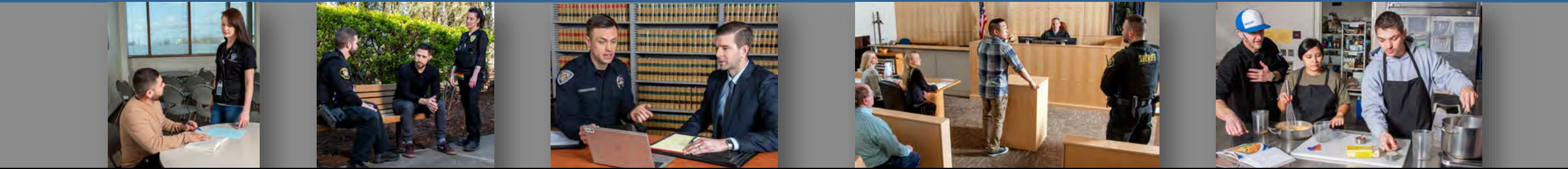


Mental Health Response Team Calls for Service

# What current service level funding would be provided if the proposed levy passes?

- Victims' assistance and emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.  
(Approximately \$7 million over five years)
- Levy funds would continue to support emergency shelter and other services provided by:
  - Domestic Violence Resource Center
  - Community Action
  - Family Promise of Washington County
  - Good Neighbor Center
  - Safe Place Youth Shelter
  - Family Justice Center



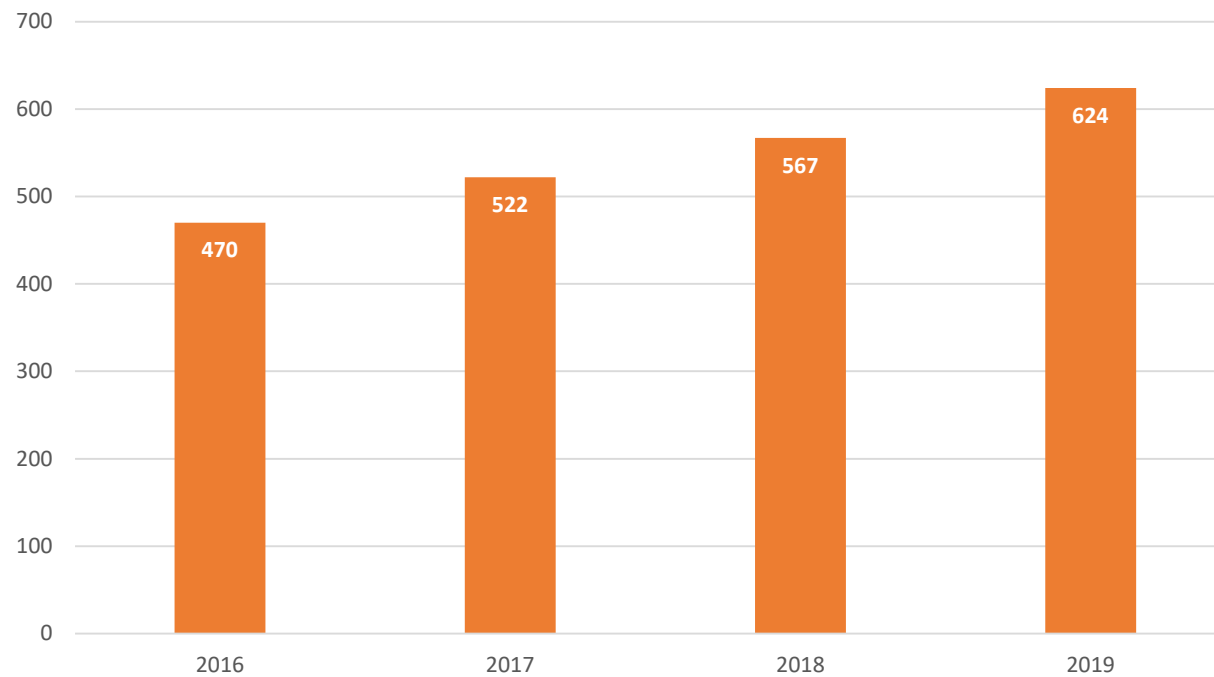


# Additional Services If the Proposed Levy Passes



# What services would be added if the proposed levy passes?

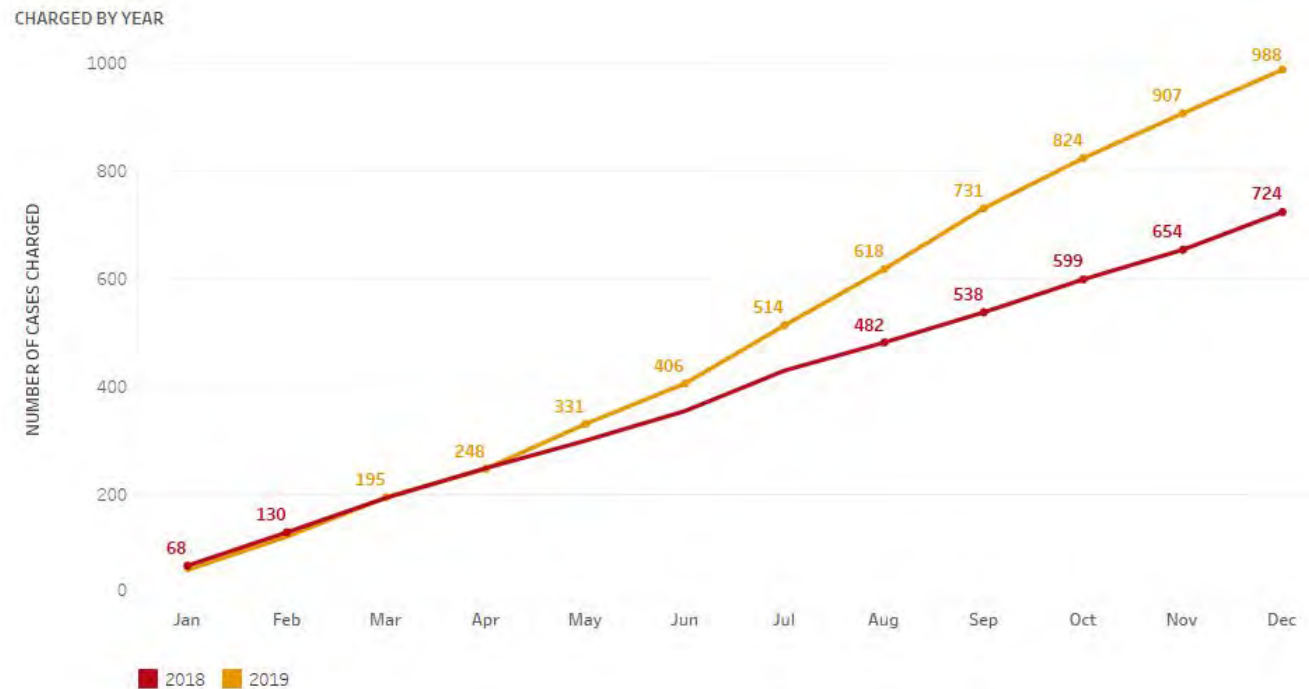
- Increased funding for prosecution of child abuse and child pornography cases. (1 District Attorney's Office position)



Child Abuse Cases Referred

# What services would be added if the proposed levy passes?

- In 2019, 985 domestic violence cases were filed, a 36% increase in caseload when compared to the previous year.
- If passed, the levy would provide funding for four additional parole and probation officers responsible for addressing the increased domestic violence-related caseloads at a five-year cost of \$2.4 million. (4 Community Corrections Department positions)



# What services would be added if the proposed levy passes?

- Of the 572 beds in the Washington County Jail, one 56-bed pod (10% of total jail-bed space) would be maintained through this portion of levy funding.
- If passed, the replacement levy would provide funding for four additional jail deputies at a five-year cost of \$2.8 million, allowing the jail to operate at full capacity and reduce early release of offenders. (4 Sheriff's Office positions)



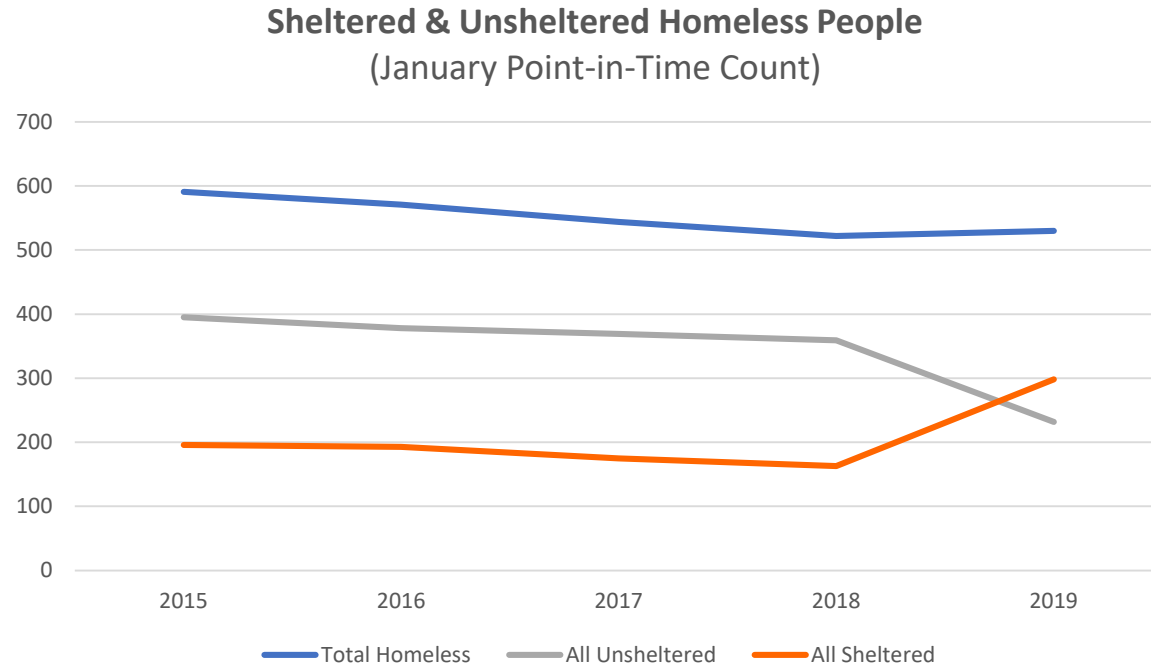
# What services would be added if the proposed levy passes?

- If passed, the proposed levy would provide \$1.5 million of funding over five years for contracted services with community-based organizations to divert juvenile offenders out of the criminal justice system, as appropriate on a case-by-case basis. provide additional diversion services at a five-year cost of \$1.5 million.
- An estimated 1,000 youth projected to be eligible for this diversion program over five years would be assessed, placed on a case plan and would participate in programming, outside of the criminal justice setting, as provided by a nonprofit organization.  
(Additional contracted services)



# What services would be added if the proposed levy passes?

- Funding to reduce the transition time from emergency shelter to housing for individuals and families, including survivors of domestic violence. Temporary shelters have seen a 70% increase in use over the last three years. (2 positions within the nonprofit network of emergency shelter providers)





# Taxpayer Impact

# Proposed rate and tax impact, if the levy passes:

- The proposed levy would have a five-year, fixed rate of \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This would be an increase of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the current levy.
- If approved, this would be the first increase in the rate since the original levy in the year 2000.
- In 2021, typical homeowners, based on an average assessed value of \$300,000, would pay \$141 per year, or about \$20 more than they paid in 2020.
- This assumes an average assessed value (not market value) of \$300,000.
- The tax due in future years would depend on changes in assessed value.

# Proposed rate and tax impact, if the levy does not pass:

- If the levy does not pass, the additional local option property taxes would not be levied.
- In 2021, typical homeowners, based on an average assessed value of \$300,000, would see a \$126 per year reduction in their property taxes.
- If the levy does not pass, there would be a reduction in services in Washington County affecting prosecution, law enforcement, supervision, corrections and emergency shelters likely to begin in 2021.



# Summary

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