

*Statement from Tara Moriarty, sheriff's department spokesperson, on March 3, 2026:*

“Overtime costs have been driven primarily by staffing shortages and a concurrent rise in our jail population. In December 2023, the Sheriff's Office had approximately 240 vacancies in sworn positions. Today that number has been reduced to 131 vacancies, thanks in part to the City's support for our hiring efforts, including help from Mayor Lurie. While we continue rebuilding our ranks, overtime has been necessary to meet legally mandated staffing levels in the jails, courts, and other critical public safety assignments.

The Sheriff's Office plans to request a reappropriation supplemental in the amount of \$17.7M into overtime from salary and benefits, which reflects existing savings within our current budget, including vacancy cost savings, salary and benefit adjustments, and savings associated with the conversion of certain positions from CalPERS to SFERS. This request does not represent new funding, but rather the reallocation of savings from other areas of our budget.

At this time, we do not anticipate requesting a General Fund supplemental, as we expect continued cost reductions and staffing adjustments to help address the currently projected \$8.5 million deficit. These reductions and staffing adjustments will result in reductions that will affect response times to calls for service, slower and reduced access to the incarcerated population, and a decrease in services to the community.

We understand the challenges of our City's budget deficit, and the sacrifices being made by all City agencies, departments, and employees. We remain committed to providing a level of service that keeps our community, and our members, safe.”