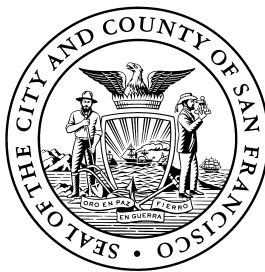


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STATEMENT

Supervisor Dorsey applauds D.A. Jenkins holding fentanyl dealers accountable, revoking misdemeanor plea deals

District Attorney's approach will make a difference to help mitigate public safety harms and drug overdose deaths in San Francisco, says supervisor who's openly in recovery

SAN FRANCISCO (Aug. 3, 2022) — Supervisor Matt Dorsey today issued the following statement on District Attorney Brooke Jenkins' new policy announcement to hold drug dealers accountable through a series of new enforcement policies: holding alleged fentanyl dealers in jail while they await trial; increasing jail time for convicted dealers if they are caught selling within 1,000 feet of schools; and providing that dealers caught with more than five grams of fentanyl will no longer get a referral to social services to avoid conviction.

District Attorney Jenkins also revoked more than 30 misdemeanor plea offers in fentanyl dealing cases, having chosen to proceed with more serious felony charges.

“San Francisco’s crisis in fatal drug overdoses has been nearly twice as deadly as COVID-19 — claiming more than 1,650 lives since January 2020 — and fentanyl is the primary culprit,” said Supervisor Dorsey. “With her announcement today, D.A. Jenkins is rising to the moment to meet the criminal justice challenges fueling a public health calamity San Franciscans haven’t witnessed since the height of the AIDS crisis. I applaud the District Attorney’s approach, and I intend to be a full partner with her efforts to better protect our neighborhoods and all who struggle with substance use disorder from the harms street-level drug dealers are causing.”

Dorsey, the first member of the substance use disorder recovery community to serve on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors in a generation, has cited the convergence of his personal journey in recovery and the City's drug OD crisis as his motivation for seeking the Board appointment from Mayor London Breed last May.

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