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**ON 500TH DAY OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS
ANNOUNCES 311 NEW
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY POSITIONS**

***Largest Increase in AUSAs in Decades Allocates Three Prosecutors to the Northern District of
California
to Focus on Violent Crime and Civil Enforcement***

SAN FRANCISCO- On the 500th day of the Trump Administration, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California Alex G. Tse announced that the Department of Justice is taking a dramatic step to increase resources to combat violent crime, enforce our immigration laws, and help roll back the devastating opioid crisis.

In the largest increase in decades, the Department of Justice is allocating 311 new Assistant United States Attorneys to assist in priority areas. Those allocations are as follows: 190 violent crime prosecutors, 86 civil enforcement prosecutors, and 35 additional immigration prosecutors. Many of the civil enforcement AUSA's will support the newly created Prescription Interdiction & Litigation Task Force which targets the opioid crisis at every level of the distribution system.

"Under President Trump's strong leadership, the Department of Justice is going on offense against violent crime, illegal immigration, and the opioid crisis—and today we are sending in reinforcements," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "We have a saying in my office that a new federal prosecutor is 'the coin of the realm.' When we can eliminate wasteful spending, one of my first questions to my staff is if we can deploy more prosecutors to where they are needed. I have personally worked to re-purpose existing funds to support this critical mission, and as a former federal prosecutor myself, my expectations could not be higher. These exceptional and talented prosecutors are key leaders in our crime fighting partnership. This addition of new Assistant U.S. Attorney positions represents the largest increase in decades."

In the Northern District of California, two of these AUSAs will focus on violent crime and one will focus on civil enforcement. In addition, the Northern District of California previously was allocated another two AUSA positions that were dedicated to violent crime. This brings the total number of newly allocated positions to five since January 2017.

"We are very pleased to receive additional resources consistent with the demonstrated needs of the district and the priorities of the Department of Justice," said Acting US Attorney Tse. "We intend to take full advantage of these resources to efficiently and effectively prosecute violent crime and further build upon our robust civil fraud work."

Further Information:

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