

Written Public
Comment(s) for **Item No. 1**

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Sukhmani Purewal
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 5:39 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Sheriff Oversight

From: Kate Hiester <katehiester@flyprogram.org>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 5:33 PM
To: SMC_SupMueller <SMC_SupMueller@smcgov.org>; Noelia Corzo <ncorzo@smcgov.org>; David Canepa <dcanepa@smcgov.org>; Warren Slocum <WSlocum@smcgov.org>; Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>
Cc: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>; Sukhmani Purewal <spurewal@smcgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment on Sheriff Oversight

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Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, but I wanted to submit my comment as a resident of San Mateo County, a commissioner on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Commission of San Mateo County, and the San Mateo County Director for Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY).

As a resident who has worked with disenfranchised, low-income, and justice-impacted youth and families in San Mateo County for more than 10 years, I want to voice my strong support for independent oversight. While I am thrilled that we have elected a much more responsive Sheriff in Christina Corpus, the need for ongoing oversight and accountability remains critically important, regardless of who fills the role. I have also heard it suggested that the Sheriff's advisory group can meet this need, but I strongly disagree with this perspective. As a resident of Redwood City, which established a Police Advisory Committee in 2021, I can attest to the lack of any significant changes in policing and the disappointment of at least some of its members with their inability to shift policy or practice. Simply: advisory roles are not and should not be considered true accountability.

I am also writing as a representative of FLY, an organization focused on dismantling the school to prison pipeline that disproportionately affects youth of color, youth with disabilities, and youth in the LGBTQ+ community. FLY supports investing in community-led law enforcement oversight bodies that include justice-impacted people and that work in collaboration with local government to ensure accountability to the community, and fidelity to the principles of procedural and restorative justice. We believe these bodies are critical to rebuilding community trust and collaboration. Our communities deserve this level of accountability and I urge each of you to listen to the many community leaders and organizations that have voted or spoken in support of this step.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Warmly,
Kate Hiester

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Kate Hiester, MA (she/her)
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Refer a young person to FLY in San Mateo County or San Francisco:

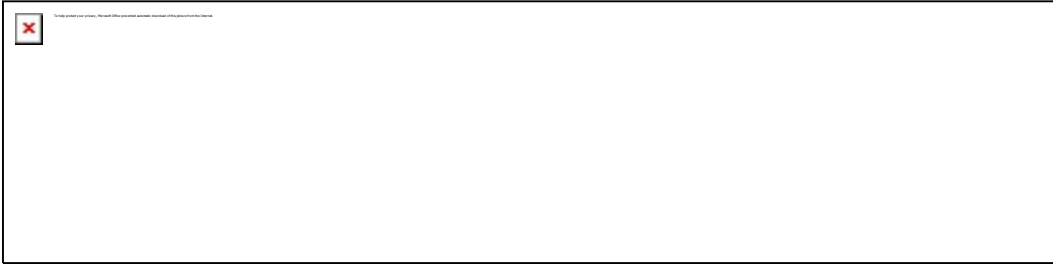
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From: Peninsula Solidarity Cohort <peninsulasolidaritycohort@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 5:55 PM
To: Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;
CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Support independent oversight of the Sheriff's Office



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October 23, 2023

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the faith leaders in the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort, we write to reiterate our support for independent civilian oversight of the Sheriff's Office. We are among the many people and organizations who have been calling over the past five years for greater transparency and accountability for law enforcement in our county. Public safety depends in part on public trust, and independent oversight is critical for rebuilding that trust now.

We are grateful for your supportive vote in November of last year and encourage you to pass an ordinance this year to move forward and set up a civilian board and inspector general, both with authority to access information and make public reports and recommendations. Let's join with San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Marin, Sonoma and Alameda counties to adopt oversight as a form of good governance and work together to build public safety *and* public trust in San Mateo County.

Together in service,

Rev. Dr.s Penny Nixon and Marlyn Bussey, PSC Co-Directors
Rev. Dr. Tovis Page, PSC Program Coordinator

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Sandra Lang <langinsureyou@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 3:51 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Citizens oversight

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Honorable BOS

I ask an essential question : what had taken SMC so long to form a Sheriffs Oversight Commission?

Independent Oversight is a fundamental function of governmental bodies specifically to report to the taxpayers , to be transparent , and to identify problems , to shine a light on situations that come to governments attention and to propose reforms Reforms in a timely manner.... not months and often years later .

SMC needs to fulfill these fundamental functions Sandra Lang San Mateo County Resident Sent from my iPhone

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Pam Salvatierra <pamsalvatierra@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 8:40 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Oversight

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As a San Mateo resident I support oversight. Transparency is critical.

Pam Salvatierra
1794 Stanford Ave, Menlo Park

Sent from my iPhone

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Bruce Knoth <bknoth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 7:57 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Support strong independent oversight of the Sheriff's Office

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I'm Bruce Knoth and I live in San Carlos. I am a member of UUFRC and also part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County.

Thank you for your vote last November in support of independent civilian oversight of the Sheriff's Office. We need strong oversight that's independent of the Sheriff's Office. The oversight can be provided by an outside civilian board and an inspector general, both having the authority to ask questions, get information, and make public reports and recommendations.

The Sheriff controls a huge budget and has a lot of power. We need to be certain that the money and power are used responsibly and that requires an oversight board that answers to an authority outside the Sheriff's Department.

Please pass an ordinance this year to set a strong, independent oversight board.

Sincerely,
Bruce Knoth
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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: John Pimentel <jpimentel@whitehatrenew.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:03 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback; April Vargas
Subject: Sheriff oversight

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Supervisors,

I'm delighted to support Sheriff Corpus and her efforts to reform and improve the San Mateo County Sheriffs Department, and I support full oversight of the Sheriffs Office by an independent commission as envisioned by the Fixin' San Mateo community initiative.

Regards, John P.

John Pimentel
San Mateo County Community College District, Trustee

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Alison Little <atlittle@googlemail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:04 PM
To: Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;
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Dear Supervisors,
My name is Alison Little and I am a resident of beautiful Pacifica. I'm also a member of Coastside Families Taking Action and a member of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County.

Thank you for your vote last fall in support of Independent Civilian Oversight.

It is vital that we have actual oversight in this county. The Sheriff's CARE committee, while a wonderful way for Sheriff Corpus to receive feedback and ideas from residents, is not oversight. It is also not independent.

Establishing real independent oversight is a win/win for the county and its residents. It offers the county an extra layer of protection against lawsuits and establishes best practices for law enforcement that will keep our county strong. For residents, it offers checks and balances and an established system to voice an injustice.

Thank you for your continued support of independent civilian oversight.

Warmly,
Alison Little

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From: lahondalynnette@earthlink.net
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 11:14 PM
To: Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;
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To the honorable representatives of the Board of Supervisors:

More than 3 years ago, after the murder of George Floyd, La Honda Indivisible, the group that I co-facilitate, held weekly demonstrations in La Honda, Half Moon Bay, Skyline and Pescadero in order to increase community awareness about the need for law enforcement reform in the face of unrestrained policing. In our diverse coastside area, we feel that an independent oversight body is the correct response to what our communities need and want in order to feel truly safe - and so individuals have a voice if or when they believe that they have not been treated fairly by law enforcement. We join with the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County in asking you to approve an independent civilian review board that is separate from the Sheriff's Office.

Respectfully,

Lynnette Vega