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Comment(s) for **Item No. 5**

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Clara Jaeckel <claraejaeckel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:44 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Dave Pine; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller
Subject: public comment for 12/12/2023 agenda item 5

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To the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Clara Jaeckel, and I live in Redwood City. As a disclaimer, I'm a member of the Redwood City Police Advisory Committee, but I'm making this comment solely as a resident, not speaking for the committee. However, I want to speak from my experience as a committee member to say that an advisory group, though it can lead to some good conversations with law enforcement at a policy level, is not enough for what San Mateo County needs. Several times I and other committee members have been contacted by residents asking for a response to incidents that happened, and we were forced to turn them away because the advisory committee is not empowered to review specific cases or provide true oversight or accountability.

To avoid this problem and find the best solution for the county, I urge you to take more time to continue studying how to implement strong, independent civilian oversight of the Sheriff's Office. In particular, please take a closer look at the Santa Clara County model which has proved effective as reported by that county's Supervisors and Sheriff. So please send the current resolution back to the subcommittee for further review and ask that staff present the Santa Clara model to you before you decide on this vital issue.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel

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From: Sue Henkin-Haas <shenkinhaas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:17 PM
To: Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; David Canepa; Ray Mueller; CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Re BOS meeting, agenda item 5. Adopt a resolution establishing the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office.

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Sue Henkin-Haas and I live in San Gregorio, in rural San Mateo County. I am a member of La Honda Indivisible and part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County.

We ask you to delay the vote to adopt a resolution establishing the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office. Our concern is that the Board may be on the verge of passing a resolution that will end the discussion about oversight prematurely. We ask you to delay the vote and study other oversight models, including the Santa Clara County oversight model. It's taken a year to get from forming the subcommittee to here, and spending a little more time to get it right is worth it.

There are many people in our County who do not feel safe. Community oversight is a strong, positive step toward creating a safe, healthy, and strong community. We should be a leader in this movement, not a reluctant follower.

I urge you to take the time to fully study this issue.

Best regards,

Sue Henkin-Haas

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Maggie Trinh <maggie.trinh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:59 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Sheriff Oversight and Engagement

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To the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maggie Trinh and I live in San Mateo. I urge the Board of Supervisors to delay the vote on the resolution on Sheriff Oversight and Engagement in order to gather more information, including reviewing the components of the Santa Clara County oversight model, to fulfill your commitment to establish strong, independent oversight of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Last year, the Board voted in favor of this, but the current proposal does not have actual authority to investigate and hold the Sheriff's Office accountable. I urge this Board to consider alternative models as have been tried and tested in neighboring counties that have the support of grassroots organizations.

Law enforcement is well represented in this discussion, and their high levels of funding speak to their general support by lawmakers. However, when anyone (not just law enforcement) is only accountable to themselves, it is easy for the system to perpetrate unnecessary harm, and Sheriff's deputies (and all law enforcement) have the potential to cause grave harm. With great power comes great responsibility, and the need to maintain public trust. I want to be very clear that this is not a criticism of any specific individual, but rather of a system that upholds the status quo.

Thank you.

Maggie Trinh

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Joy Pasamonte Henry <joypasamonteHenry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:53 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 12/12 Agenda Item 5 - Resolution Establishing Independent Civilian Advisory Commission of the Sheriff's Office

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My name is Joy Pasamonte Henry, a resident of Millbrae. I'm part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County. I am a single mother with three multiracial daughters. I want to continue to live in a community where they can feel safe and where I know my hard earned money goes as far as it can (and not abused in any way through taxes or government misspending).

Please do not pass the proposed resolution establishing a civilian advisory commission. Please request a resolution that correctly restates California law and establishes an effective oversight model that complies with AB 1185. In addition, please ask your staff or qualified consultants to provide you with the accurate information you previously requested about other sheriff oversight models, such as Santa Clara County.

Many educated and informed community members have offered unbiased information and guidance on a sound oversight model that does NOT undermine the Sheriff's Department or gives undue power to a new commission.

The proposed resolution checks a box that this work is completed but unfortunately, it doesn't provide the checks and balances your constituents have asked for over the past year.

I appreciate the work you all do and I am proud to have Sheriff Corpus in our community. But the good people we have in office doesn't diminish the need to have a better civilian advisory commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Community,
Joy Pasamonte Henry 🌻
Millbrae Resident

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Krista Hanson <kristakhanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:12 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please delay the vote on civilian oversight

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Dear Mr. Pine,

My name is Krista Hanson and I live in your district in Burlingame. I am a member of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort and part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County. I am extremely dissatisfied with the Board's proposal to create a weak advisory committee on oversight of the Sheriff's department which is beholden to that department rather than an independent civilian commission with an inspector general. At the very long meeting I attended on October 24 on civilian oversight, the Board appeared to be open to considering the successful model of oversight in force in Santa Clara County, but now that has been jettisoned.

I know people who have suffered needlessly from police and judicial overreach. We need collaborative but independent citizen oversight. I urge you to spend more time studying the Santa Clara model seriously and not adopt a diluted proposal which does nothing but add a layer of bureaucracy to county government.

Respectfully yours,
Krista Hanson