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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Tovis Page <tovisp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Request to Accept Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a long-time resident of San Mateo County and a faith leader, I am writing in support of the [draft ordinance](#) proposed by [Fixin' San Mateo County](#) to ask the Board of Supervisors to use your legislative authority under [AB 1185](#) to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Independent and effective civilian oversight is common sense, good government, and fiscally responsible. It will protect civil rights, support effective policing, ensure transparency and greater accountability, and help build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office. Public trust is essential for effective public safety, and this is a chance to help restore trust of law enforcement in the community.

If do this, we will join 220 cities & counties nationwide - 25 in California - with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement in the past few years of law enforcement abuses, including the murder of George Floyd, erupting throughout our country.

As our elected officials, I am hopeful you will use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Sincerely,

Tovis Page
Resident of Woodside
Planning Team Member, Peninsula Solidarity Cohort

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"This is what you must be like. Grow wherever life puts you down." -Ben Okri

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Carol Cross <cross0828@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:16 PM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: The proposed ordinance by Fixin' San Mateo County

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I understand that the group Fixin' San Mateo County has proposed an eminently reasonable and common sense approach to the problem of lack of oversight of the Sheriff's Department here in our county - a problem that has contributed to the mistrust and antagonism toward that department that is felt by many in our San Mateo communities.

I further understand that a number of cities and/or counties nationwide have already set up what Fixin' San Mateo County is asking for: a Civilian Oversight Board and an Inspector General office in order to provide a basis for positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office. I strongly urge you to do the same. I think such a move on your part will show the voters that you do indeed care about protecting everyone's civil rights and providing greater accountability of our Sheriff Department.

Sincerely,
Carol Cross
1133 Saint Francis St.
Redwood City

We think that people use information to make up their minds but they don't. ...We use moral judgment to make up our minds and then use our brains to find reasons that explain why we're right.
--- [Jonathan Haidt](#), social psychologist and author of [Righteous Minds: Why Good People Are Divided Over Politics and Religion](#).

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From: Corinne Marcus <corinnemarcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:52 PM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Board of Supervisors

I ask the Board of Supervisors to use your legislative authority under AB 1185 to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the SMC Sheriff's Office.

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We will join 220 cities & counties nationwide - 25 in California - with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd.

Thank you for your consideration,

Corinne Marcus
ACLU North Peninsula Chapter

From: [Debbie Mytels](#)
To: [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Santa Clara County has oversight: support the proposal from "Fixin" San Mateo County"
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:27:58 PM

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Dear Members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing as a resident of Santa Clara County. We have a civilian oversight board here that oversees the activities of the SC County Sheriff's department, and I'm writing to urge you to accept the draft plan for such an oversight board written by the community organization, Fixin' San Mateo County.

Having a civilian oversight board is simply good government. In our county, it has increased accountability and fiscal responsibility. It shows the public that the Sheriff's office is open to public scrutiny — and this increases the public's trust in the Sheriff's work. In addition to Santa Clara County, 24 other cities in California (and over 200 nation-wide) now all have civilian oversight boards. I would hope that a progressive county like San Mateo will join the ranks of these cities and thus promote better relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Approving the draft ordinance as proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County would go a long way to improve relationships with the Sheriff's Office and the community. Please take this action today.

Sincerely,

Debbie Mytels

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Methane (AKA "natural gas") leaks occur at places all along its pressurized system - at the wellhead, in transmission and distribution lines and compressors, in supply lines, and in the appliance itself. That is because the MAIN PIPING SYSTEM for methane gas is pressurized up to 1400 pounds per square inch.

Methane/"natural" gas leaks are quite normal and cannot be fixed - that is a problem! Getting rid of methane is the solution. Go ELECTRIC!

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Bill Newell <billnewell2850@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:22 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Request to Accept Ordinance Proposed by Fixin" San Mateo County

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As our elected officials, I am hopeful you will use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Sincerely,

Bill Newell
Resident of Redwood City

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Clara Jaeckel <claraejaeckel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:14 AM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Request to Enact Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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To the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the draft ordinance proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County and I urge you to use your legislative authority under AB 1185 to enact this ordinance to establish a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

It is important to have independent and effective civilian oversight in order to have truly meaningful accountability for the Sheriff's Office. The Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office will help guard against abuses of civil rights and promote transparency and trust within the community.

Creating the Civilian Oversight Board will also bring San Mateo County into line with the growing number of other counties and cities, nationwide and locally, who are establishing civilian oversight bodies over policing forces. I myself am a member of the Redwood City Police Advisory Committee, which was created last year. Please note, as a disclaimer, that I am not speaking for or representing the committee in this message, only speaking for myself as an individual resident of San Mateo County. However, from my vantage point as a PAC member, I can say that a civilian body with merely advisory power is not enough to ensure true accountability. It will be very important for the board at the county level to have investigative authority, as laid out in the draft ordinance proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County.

Consequently, I urge you to use your legal authority as supervisors to enact the proposed ordinance and establish a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel
Redwood City resident

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Marie O'Farrell <a.marie.ofarrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:20 AM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
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As our trusted elected officials, I am hopeful you will use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Sincerely,

Marie O'Farrell, PhD
Resident of Burlingame.

(For your reference [Link to Ordinance](#))

Written Public Comments for
Item No. 10

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Susan Kokores <susan.kokores@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:06 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Public comment in support of Agenda Item #10: Resolution Supporting Women's Reproductive Freedom...

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To the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Susan Kokores and I am Vice-president of the Commission on Status of Women.

I wish to submit a public comment supporting the "Resolution Affirming San Mateo County's Unwavering Support for Women's Reproductive Freedom and Health Care Privacy". I thank both Supervisors Pine and Slocum for submitting this Resolution.

Over the almost 250 year history of the United States, women have struggled to gain and maintain their rights. It hasn't been a smooth trajectory. There have been gains over time, but losses as well, eventually moving towards progress. The expected reversal of Roe v Wade by the Supreme Court is the first time in US history that longtime, established constitutional rights have been taken away. There will be an immediate negative economic and psychological impact on all women and their families, but lower income women and women of color will be especially hurt by this. In addition, there is a significant potential for erosion of other established rights and practices.

San Mateo County, by affirming women's reproductive freedoms and right to privacy, makes it very clear that we stand by and support women and their right to control their destinies. It also offers hope to women nationwide that we in California will continue to offer help to women who seek this care.

I commend the Board of Supervisors and hope that we can meet the increased demand for reproductive care that many women will now be seeking.

Thank you,
Susan Kokores
Commission on Status of Women, Vice-president

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