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**From:** Gerard Manning <ger@ceolas.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 1:02 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Please create a civilian oversight board for the sheriff's office

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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.

We live in a world torn apart by echo chambers, fear, distrust and loss of the common ground. Trust in our institutions, especially our police, has vastly eroded, and there are many clear examples of police misconduct, including many concerning stories about the SM sheriff's office. Regardless of whether you believe these to be true or not, they cause greater polarization in the community. Having a civilian oversight board will help build trust and build answers to these problems. Failing to have one will only increase distrust.

I'm really proud of our San Mateo county government, your leadership in climate change and many other aspects, and your responsiveness. Please keep up your dedicated work and use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Sincerely,

Gerard Manning  
Burlingame resident

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**From:** Neela Patel <neela.patel@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 12:40 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,

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.

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. As a San Mateo County resident, I urge you to represent us by taking this important action.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Neela Patel  
Belmont

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**From:** kaye bonney <kayebonney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 10:05 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General for San Mateo County Sheriff's Department

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Dear Supervisors,

As Chair of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City Social Action Committee, I am writing to ask you to pass the ordinance proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County that you received last week.

This ordinance proposes the creation of a Civilian Oversight Board and an Office of Inspector General. Civilian oversight will promote effective, lawful policing and corrections and facilitate complete, unbiased administrative investigations. The Office of Inspector General will monitor Sheriff's Office operations, investigate complaints and the deaths of any individuals, and refer complaints alleging criminal misconduct to the District Attorney.

Independent and effective civilian oversight is common sense and good government. 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 here in San Mateo County.

We believe that San Mateo County should join 220 cities and counties nationwide, 25 in California, with civilian oversight over policing.

As our elected officials, please use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General's office for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department.

Sincerely,  
Kaye Bonney  
Chair, Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

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**From:** Alicia Chu <hachufamily@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Accept Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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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.

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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,  
Alicia Gonion Chu

Resident of San Bruno

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**From:** Barbara Taylor <barbaramitaylor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2022 9:09 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; David Canepa; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum  
**Subject:** Civilian Oversight of our Sheriff's Office

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Dear Supervisors,

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 SMC Sheriff's Office. Will you be supporting this draft ordinance? If not, I'd like to know what your concerns are.

Put simply, 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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

We will join 220 cities & counties nationwide - 25 in California - with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd. Let's also not forget deaths involving our own SM Sheriff's Office, Chinedu Okobi and Sandra Harmon. Oversight is a necessity to help ensure excessive uses of force are not repeated, and to fully and openly investigate these incidents which will maintain public safety and trust in those who are meant to protect us.

Many thanks in advance for taking the time to consider this important issue.

Barbara Taylor  
Resident of San Carlos

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**From:** Alison Little <atlittle@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Support for the draft ordinance by Fixin' San Mateo County

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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for your public service and commitment to a healthy and safe community.

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 SMC Sheriff's Office.

Independent and effective civilian oversight is extremely important as a system to provide checks and balances to one of our largest governmental organizations that occupies a huge portion of our countywide budget. All systems and organizations of this size need oversight for practical and fiscal reasons. An independent oversight puts us in step with 220 cities & counties nationwide - 25 in California - with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd.

Please help us improve the safety of our county and stand in support of those with physical and mental disability as well as those who face reflexive discrimination due to their skin color, ethnicity, culture or gender orientation.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Alison Little, LMFT

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Annie Zaenen <aзаenen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 3:48 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** Annie Zaenen  
**Subject:** sheriff oversight

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Dear Supervisors,

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 SMC 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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

Thank you,

Best,

Annie Zaenen



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**From:** Ron Susek <rsusek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Create Civilian Oversight Board of the San Mateo County Sherriff Department Today!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to act today on the recommendation of Fixin San Mateo County and promptly create a new civilian oversight board and inspector general for our county Sheriff's Department.

I admit I was ignorant of how enforcement worked until the May 2020 murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police in the name of "law enforcement". So many senseless killings by law enforcement had been so easy to ignore. No more. I have been distressed to learn that most law enforcement departments have no effective oversight, including here in San Mateo County. Law enforcement is too important to allow this to continue. I understand the California legislature passed a new law allowing all counties to create their own civilian oversight boards and inspectors general to provide the much-needed transparency and accountability into local law enforcement.

Oversight of law enforcement makes sense. Its absence invites the abuse of power and financial mismanagement. Oversight makes sense for strengthening communities. Oversight also makes financial sense. You have both the power and the responsibility to San Mateo County voters to provide that oversight today.

I urge you to use your authority to create a civilian oversight board and inspector general office of our San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Susek  
Redwood City, CA

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**From:** Vilma G Olivera Rosas <vilmao61@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the SMC Sheriff's Office

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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.

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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Vilma Olivera

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**From:** Tlpsf49 <tlpsf49@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 10:32 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Accept Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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.

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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,  
Trena L. Patton  
Resident of Belmont  
District 3

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Sara Matlin <sara@smatlin.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 5:17 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa  
**Subject:** Support for sheriff oversight

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

I am writing to share my support for a civilian oversight board. Please use your authority under AB 1185 to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

We need independent and effective civilian oversight to protect civil rights, support effective policing, ensure transparency and greater accountability, and help to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

There are 220 cities & counties across the country (California has 25) that have civilian oversight over their law enforcement agencies, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd. Please use your legislative authority to propose and vote to create this oversight board.

Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Sara Matlin

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**From:** Nancy Goodban <nancy.goodban@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:53 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Request to Adopt Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please adopt the ordinance that [Fixin' San Mateo County](#) has proposed to establish a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Independent and effective civilian oversight is common sense, good government, and fiscally responsible. It is also the right thing to do to keep the community safe.

Civilian oversight over policing is not a new idea - but it is an expanding movement in the past few years since the murder of George Floyd.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Goodban, Fixin' SMC  
Redwood City

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**From:** Joy Pasamonte Henry <joypasamontehenry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:45 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Accept Ordinance Proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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.

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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.

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Sincerely,  
Joy Pasamonte Henry

Resident of Millbrae

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**From:** Debra Leschyn <dleschyn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:39 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** The need for Sheriff Oversight in our County

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We are 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 SMC Sheriff's Office.

Independent, civilian oversight makes local law enforcement agencies more transparent, accountable, and responsive to the communities they serve. San Mateo County needs its Sheriff's Office to act constitutionally, without bias, be respectful of the public, hold officers accountable, and seek public input in developing and implementing policies, procedure, and training.

Independent and effective civilian oversight is common sense, good government, and fiscally responsible. Oversight could help San Mateo County reduce or avoid the millions paid out in settling claims for wrongful death and excessive force. It will protect civil rights, support effective policing, ensure transparency and greater accountability, and help to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

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!

Belmont Neighbors Against Racism

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**From:** Becca Kieler <beccakieler12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Sheriff Oversight

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Esteemed Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County,

Please accept this letter as my full support of the draft ordinance proposed by [Fixin' San Mateo County](#). We are asking the Board of Supervisors to use your legislative authority under [AB 1185](#) to enact the much needed Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the SMC 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, save taxpayers money and help to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

We will join 220 cities & counties nationwide - 25 in California - with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd. Please help bring San Mateo County be part of the leaders and not the followers in this country. It is an understatement to say the sheriff's office is important, and likewise to say it needs oversight.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Kieler  
NFO/RWC



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**From:** Madeline Musante <mmusante@clsepa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:35 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** In Support of enacting a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

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 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.

I have lived and worked in San Mateo County for nearly four years, and I firmly believe Fixin' San Mateo County's proposal to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General will make our community safer.

Sincerely,  
Madeline

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**MADELINE MUSANTE | MANAGER OF INSTITUTIONAL GIVING**

Pronouns: she/her/hers

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**From:** Judy Carle <jcarle@sistersofmercy.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:50 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** FW: Civilian Oversight - Sheriff's office

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Honorable Supervisors~

We write this letter in support of the draft ordinance proposed by *Fixin' San Mateo County* to ask the Board of Supervisors to use your legislative authority under **AB1185** to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General Office for the SMC Sheriff's Office.

This type of oversight is common sense, good government and fiscally responsible. It will help to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

We will join 220 cities and counties nationwide – 25 in California – with civilian oversight over policing, a growing movement since the murder of George Floyd in protecting civil rights and calling for greater transparency.

Thank you for your attention and for your service,  
Sister Judy Carle  
Solidarity Committee of the Sisters of Mercy

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**From:** Cristina Dos Santos <cdossantos@clsepa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 10:19 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Support for Draft Ordinance to Enact Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of San Mateo County (South San Francisco), and I am the Immigration Program Director at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto.

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 SMC 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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office. At Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, our clients and community are heavily impacted by the Sheriff's practices, especially matters relating to disparities in policing of Black and Brown communities.

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

Best regards,  
Cristina dos Santos, Esq.

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**CRISTINA DOS SANTOS, ESQ. | DIRECTOR, IMMIGRATION PROGRAM**

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**From:** Alison Madden <votealison@maddenforassembly.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 10:12 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Please enact Civilian Oversight - Oakland/Alameda and many other cities and counties have it - community at the table is essential

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Dear Supervisors,

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

Member of Congress Speier has endorsed Fixin San Mateo County and its objectives, and many cities and counties in California have an engaged civilian oversight body. It is absolutely essential to continue to work in every capacity, in some ways incremental and in other ways boldly, to improve and revise our entire judicial system to achieve true justice, while protecting public safety. This entails involving the community deeply and broadly, and starting a process to engage the community "with" the police and other participants in the judicial system.

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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

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

Best Regards,  
Alison Madden

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## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Annie Tate <annietate@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Writing in support of a Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Board Member,

I am writing in support of the draft ordinance proposed by [Fixin' San Mateo County](#) to ask that you as a member of 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.

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 to build more positive relationships between the community and the Sheriff's Office. As it stands, I almost never hear anything positive about the way that sheriff's do their jobs.

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!

Annie Tate  
305 B Street, Redwood City

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** kaye bonney <kayebonney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:28 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General for San Mateo County Sheriff

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I have heard from Latina friends that the sheriff's department arrests Hispanic people at much higher rates than Caucasians. Can the Sheriff's Office explain why these disparities do, or do not, exist?

It also seems that people in a mental health crisis are more likely to be injured and killed in encounters with law enforcement, locally as well as nationally. A community-based Oversight Board can review the data and work with the Sheriff's Office to make recommendations about policies and training.

Inmates in our county jail can no longer receive paper letters from their friends and loved ones. All mail is scanned by a company in Florida and inmates can only view it on a tablet in their pods during their out-of-cell time. This is a policy that should be reviewed. Isn't it meaningful and motivational for someone in jail to be able to keep a child's drawing or letter with them in their cell?

The goal of Fixin' San Mateo County is to set up effective civilian oversight through a community-based Oversight Board and an Inspector General. There is a perception that our county treats people unfairly but without oversight, there is no transparency. Without transparency, there is no accountability.

This is a common sense, good government approach, already enacted in 25 cities and counties in California, and 220 around the country. It will help make sure our taxpayer dollars are used wisely, improve policing, and help build healthy relationships between the Sheriff's Office and the community.

Let's work together to make San Mateo County a good place to live for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Kaye Bonney

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Paul Bocanegra <pdboanegra05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:16 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; David Canepa; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; CMO\_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom  
**Subject:** Support Civilian Oversight

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Thank you for your service to our SMC Community. I pray you join the community voice.

Best regards,

Paul Bocanegra

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Stephanie Reyes <sreyes.bayarea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:51 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** please enact Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office for the SMC Sheriff's Office

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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Reyes  
2831 Olivares Ln  
San Mateo, CA 94403



## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** christopher gibson <ras\_c@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 2:58 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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As our elected officials, I am hopeful you will use your legal authority to enact a Civilian Oversight Board and Inspector General office.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson  
Resident of Pacifica

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Samantha Rajaram <samantha.rajaram@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; David Canepa; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum  
**Subject:** Oversight of Sherriff's Department

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Dear Board,

I'm a San Mateo homeowner/resident and I want to express my support for a civilian oversight board and Inspector General office in the SM Sheriff's office.

Over the past two years we've seen some egregious conduct by law enforcement around the US and it's imperative that we ensure such misconduct doesn't happen in our community. Who does the Sheriff report to at this time? Who oversees the department?

With this in mind, I urge you to enact the oversight mechanisms so we can better ensure fairness and safety our community.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Rajaram

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Written Public Comments for  
**Item No. 10**

**From:** [Nirmala Bandra](#)  
**To:** [Sukhmani Purewal](#)  
**Cc:** [nirmalabandra1](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment at tomorrows BOS meeting  
**Date:** Monday, May 16, 2022 9:15:18 AM

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Hi Sukhi,

I would like to make the public comment tomorrow virtually if possible. If it is not possible could someone read my public comment?

Could you please send me the link to present of it is possible?

Good morning President Canepa, Board of Supervisors, County Manager and staff

My name is Nirmala Bandrapalli, and I am a resident of San Mateo County. I also currently serve on the Commission on the Status of Women for our county.

I would like to commend Supervisors Dave Pine and Warren Slocum for introducing a resolution in our County pledging its “unwavering support” for a woman’s right to make her own reproductive choices. And for also directing the County staff to develop an action plan to implement this Commitment within four weeks.

The founding principles of our nation emphasize a duty to protect the basic rights of humankind, As of late, these rights are being contested and violated. Women all over the world have fought so hard to procure these basic freedoms over their bodily autonomy and we cannot let these rights be stripped away.

The right for women to choose what they want to do with their own bodies is a fundamental right and it has been disheartening to see the progress of women’s rights reverting back to blatant subjugation and inequality.. With that being said, it is our duty to rectify this issue and recognize reproductive rights as an essential component of equality and health in our county for our community. Furthermore, it is our duty to stand up for what is right and affirm that women deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

I am proud to be a part of a community that values women’s rights. And I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for supporting an array of programs for pregnant women and mothers that give their children a healthy start through coaching and education, nutritional support and connections to the medical, and behavioral health services that promote well-being. We’re moving in the right direction, and I am honored to be alongside this progress.

Thank you for all that you do for our community!

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“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In the space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom”

Victor Frankl