



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 24-197

Board Meeting Date: 3/26/2024

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Resolution Urging Social Media Platforms to Enforce Community Standards

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution urging Social Media Platforms, including on Meta, Facebook, X, Instagram, and TikTok, to enforce their community standards and guidelines to prevent and eliminate content promoting guns, violence, racism, hate, or any other content that violates the community standards and guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

Social Media Platforms serve as interactive technologies that facilitate creating and sharing information, ideas, and interests. However, they also have the potential to spread violence, racism, and hate, leading to real-life consequences. Meta, formerly Facebook, and other major platforms like Instagram and TikTok, have adopted community standards and guidelines to regulate such content. Despite these standards and guidelines, problematic content continues to persist on these platforms, posing risks to public safety.

DISCUSSION:

This resolution calls out Social Media Platforms' responsibility to regulate and eliminate content that promotes violence, hate, and racism. By adopting this resolution, the Board of Supervisors underscores the importance of Social Media Platforms enforcing their community standards and guidelines to prevent the spread of harmful content. It urges Social Media Platforms to take swift and transparent action in addressing flagged content and partnering with local governing entities and law enforcement to prevent violence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None