



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 21-342

Board Meeting Date: 5/4/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer

Subject: Adopt a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 577 (Muratsuchi) Hate crimes: hotline

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 577 (Muratsuchi) Hate crimes: hotline.

BACKGROUND:

Hate crimes in the United States rose to the highest level in more than a decade in 2019. On March 35, 2021, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi amended AB 557 to create a state-wide hate crimes hotline.

DISCUSSION:

California has seen a recent spike in hate crime activity. To address this issue, multiple states and local jurisdictions have implemented hate crimes hotline programs to facilitate reporting. AB 557 (Muratsuchi) would require the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish and maintain an accessible toll-free hotline number and an online form to reporting hate crimes and hate incidents.

The bill unanimously passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 4, 2021. It is now in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

A full analysis of the measure can be found in the attached form.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21 Projected
State/Federal Measures analyzed and acted on	300	500

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to County as a result of the Board's supporting this measure.