

Dear Supervisors,

I see a discussion and possible action item (6b) for the potential for the Establishment of an Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight on the June 23, 2020 Agenda and want to ask that the Supervisors dismiss this item as another unnecessary use of public funds and waste of time. The Sheriff currently has oversight from the County Supervisors and others and adding another group of untrained citizens to second guess the actions of trained professionals is another example of a knee jerk reaction to a perceived problem.

Currently citizens have many avenues to express their concerns, questions, comments, and requests. If an individual feels that they have not received the response they expected from the Sheriff Department they can address their concerns to the Supervisor for their particular District. If that doesn't generate the expected result there are still other elected officials whom they can contact. If in fact there is an actual problem with citizens complaints not given the proper concern (which I sincerely doubt) then first identify the issue and ask the Sheriff to address the issue. I haven't seen facts leading to the assumption that complaints are not being properly dealt with.

It is extremely unjustified to put together a committee to probe issues that are not clearly identified. Also the concern is to what extent the committee members are to be trained, where the funds will come from to pay salaries, who the committee will report to, and most importantly what issues the committee will be tasked with reviewing and how long this committee will be in place.

You as County Supervisors have a responsibility to the citizens of this County as our elected officials to not add extra burdens to an office that is already running undermanned and underfunded by adding a group that will be essentially taking up the Sherriffs time that is better spent in ensuring the proper operation of the department.

Respectfully

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