

Dear Supervisors,

I and my family, community members of Mendocino County, urge you to take a stand with the community in support of A Citizen's Law Enforcement Oversight Committee.

In light of current events throughout the country with regards to police misconduct and brutality, it is imperative that we, as a county, take concrete action to ensure transparency and cooperation on the part of law enforcement and that the behavior and policies of said law enforcement align with community objectives and codes of conduct that uphold the moral and civic standards that define our community.

It is our duty as citizens, both of this country, and this county to act with unflinching focus to create, implement, and uphold policies that dictate fairness and that address bias within law enforcement and throughout social structures.

It is the duty of law enforcement to embrace transparency, and to participate in cooperation with community oversight to ensure that they are upholding the highest standard of moral, unbiased, and non-violent conduct.

We, as community members, ask you Supervisors, to stand with the citizens that you are sworn to represent. To stand for justice and community oversight, and to stand squarely in the heart of the movement to stop police brutality and misconduct.

We ask that you not only support the Resolution and Ordinance proposed by Supervisors Williams and Haschak but also work to make it the most effective Community Oversight Ordinance possible.

Thank you,

Ilona Marcello & family