

To the Board of Supervisors,

BEFORE YOU CREATE A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Our Supervisors must show fiscal responsibility. How can you decide on anything without first knowing:

1. What is it going to cost?
2. Where are you going to get the money?
3. We are already at a critical deficit after the shut down and during a pandemic, this is not the time to add another layer of cost. Be responsible with your decision. Do not allow the mob to rule.

The Sheriff position is voted on by the public. The idea that the Board of Supervisors would appoint a County Employee to Direct an oversight of The Sheriff and that Director is not voted for by the public is wrong. Where is the accountability of this special interest? Our Sheriff's priority should not be to satisfy the Director, he has a duty to protect our citizens and to enforce our laws fairly. If our Sheriff is not doing that job, it's simple, we just vote him out of office. How do we vote to remove someone that is appointed? The power of our vote is far more important than the power of an appointment.

The George Floyd incident in Minnesota caused a national outrage, and rightfully so. It is also initiating a National Police Reform, which is where that needs to come from. We are not the same. The actions of those three officers are not who we are. Don't jump on that band wagon before you determine where our limited resources are most needed. Local change will not have the same affect or be as enforceable.

We have witnessed high profile enforcement, some people do not like to see that and some will use that to implement a change. But, enforcement is what we ask for. If you don't want the enforcement, change the law.

Use of force incidents are currently available to the public. There is transparency when public records requests are followed, Let's find out if there is a reason for this duplication.

There is a Mob Mentality that is trying to diminish the authority of our Law Enforcement and in some cases attempting to abolish it entirely. We should never let our Law Enforcement be influenced by any Special Interest Group, The Sheriff answers to The Attorney General and the Department of Justice.

A process of reform could be looked at to insure equality, but don't throw away what systems have been in place and expect an overhaul, unless there is an indication that it is needed.

If you intend to create the committee and deduct it from the Sheriff's Budget, your proposal will prevent the protection of our citizens. We're asking him to enforce the law, all our citizens need the protection of our law enforcement. Do not take it away.

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