

Good morning Board

I believe we are at a point in our country that we are moving towards a more professional police force. I believe we have fine officers in Mendocino County but have a limited conversation about our Sheriff Department.

I have been a resident of Mendocino County for 19 years. In those nineteen years, we have had VERY little choice when it comes to a choice in our top Law enforcement position of Sheriff. I believe www as a county can move to build more trust between the community and the Sheriff's office.

A community board would allow the fine members of the department to display in an open way how professional they are. This board would also allow the quick squashing of any rumors of misconduct. Currently, if a citizen has a complaint it is not a transparent method and can be costly to hire an attorney and the process can drag out for years

All departments are accountable through the BOS either at a public expression or to talk with a supervisor and get an item on the agenda. When we have an issue with the sheriff office you can walk in but at other times its have been pushed off to a law enforcement issue. We saw this with the Old Kia case back a few years ago.

I believe again this would allow much more pubic input. I am also concerned that the statement from the Sheriff that would put his deputies at risk. I would like a clarification on this issue. It is nice that the Sheriff will take calls and email this is still

when it comes to a plane crash the public is able to see the transcripts as well as attend the hearings. Even though they can participate the public is able to see the whole process. As we hear our Sheriff and Da talk it still sounds like Them ver us instead of opening up. When they talk about not tolerating Bad Cops, this is not what the public perception is. We need law enforcement to open and embrace the public. Not just make us feel we need to stand back

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