

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Possible Action Including Direction to County Counsel to Draft Necessary Framework (including Preparation of a Resolution and Ordinance) to Establish Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight and Present Said Framework to the Board of Supervisors within 30 Days (Sponsors: Supervisors Haschak and Williams)

Summary of Request:

A citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight will strengthen the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the community it serves through outreach and the promotion of greater transparency of law enforcement operations. Through a mission of facilitating trust and highlighting the outstanding work of public servants, the committee will:

1. Provide objective and independent review of complaints against the Sheriff's Office-

Is the Sheriff saying they can't be objective?

2. Receive citizen complaints against the Sheriff's Office and forward them to the Sheriff's Office for review-

The Sheriff's Office can do this.

3. Advise if an investigation appears incomplete and propose further investigation

4. Propose policies, procedures and training recommendations to the Sheriff's Office.

8. Review law enforcement policies and hiring practices-

What will be the committee's qualifications to perform this?

5. Increase transparency of law enforcement operations.

7. Produce a public report about the complaints and recommendations on a summary level.

Just have the Sheriff's Office post list of complaints, including the target of the complaint.

6. Conduct outreach to the community-

Define this.

9. Provide oversight of an objective and independent review of the Sheriff's Office fiscal operations and budget-

This is a completely different skill set than the rest of this list.

Draft Ordinance:

This should worry everybody,

Ⓢ"Sec. 2.39.020. - Appointment and Qualifications of Director and Staff.

(a) The Director of CACLEO shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

(b) The Director shall be an employee of the County of Mendocino. The terms and

conditions of employment of the Director shall be set by the Board, and shall be specified in a Personal Services Agreement.

(c) The Director may assign personnel, as allocated by the Board, and utilize equipment and supplies as necessary to perform CACLEO's duties. All personnel shall be employed by the County of Mendocino."

Under what budget would this fall? What is the proposed budget for this?

The Director's and committee members' qualifications need to be clearly defined.

This is way too wishy-washy.

I vote NO!

Sincerely,
Anna Stockel
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Sorry, I forgot to ask how many cases have been reported to the sheriff so far this year?

Thanks,
Anna