

Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council

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"Serving the People of the Greater Round Valley Area"

June 8, 2021

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Rd.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Letter of support for a resident deputy in Round Valley

Dear County Supervisors,

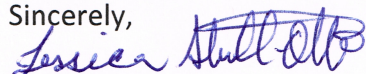
The Round Valley Area MAC heard from the community about the need for a resident deputy and the MAC voted unanimously to send a letter requesting that the County work toward making sure a resident deputy is placed here. Considering the Board of Supervisors is discussing the Sheriff's office budget, this seemed like a good time to make sure the community's need for a resident deputy here in Round Valley is understood.

Our community deserves to have our public safety needs met in a timely manner. With so few deputies covering such a vast geographical area, there are often very long wait times to receive service in Round Valley, which in some situations can be a matter of life and death. While it is clear that the Sheriff's office has an interest in making sure that the community receives the services it needs, actually fulfilling this need with their current budget presents significant challenges, leading the Sheriff's office to often fall short on this promise. With a resident deputy here in Round Valley, they will be able to respond in a timely manner if there is an emergency that warrants fast action.

We ask that you consider our unmet safety needs and work with the Sheriff's office to expand their capacity to serve our community by assuring that we have a resident deputy here in Round Valley.

Thank you for your attention to this important public safety issue.

Sincerely,



Jessica Stull-Otto

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