



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Haschak

Meeting Date: June 23, 2020

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and 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)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct County Counsel to Draft necessary framework, including preparation of a Resolution and Ordinance, to Establish Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight and return to the Board within 30 days

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

N/A

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
2. Receive citizen complaints against the Sheriff's Office and forward them to the Sheriff's Office for review
3. Advise if an investigation appears incomplete and propose further investigation
4. Propose policies, procedures and training recommendations to the Sheriff's Office
5. Increase transparency of law enforcement operations
6. Conduct outreach to the community
7. Produce a public report about the complaints and recommendations on a summary level.
8. Review law enforcement policies and hiring practices
9. Provide oversight of an objective and independent review of the Sheriff's Office fiscal operations and budget

Under the Ordinance, the committee will not be authorized to:

1. Change the decisions made by the Sheriff's Office

2. Decide policies for the Sheriff's Office
3. Impose discipline on any Sheriff employee for any reason
4. Conduct its own investigations
5. Interfere with the performance of the Sheriff's Office
6. Compel by subpoena the production of any document or witness related to a Sheriff's Office investigation.

Alternative Action/Motion:

No action.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: No

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Date: JUNE 29, 2020

Final Status: Approved with Modification

