



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: October 6, 2020

Department Contact: Supervisor Haschak

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff Regarding Analyzing the Need for Increased Law Enforcement Support to Address Organized Crime

(Sponsors: Supervisors Haschak and Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct Staff in regard to Sheriff's request for support, including the following:

- preparing historical review of staffing trends
- overview of current Sheriff staffing allocations, by rank/title/type of position
- preparing an operation, staffing and fiscal plan associated with the Sheriff's operations
- report on current criminal activities and areas associated (including detailed long term crime trend chart from the Sheriff)
- preparing a declaration of local emergency, and
- affirm commitment to affected communities and law enforcement officers.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

On September 28, Sheriff Kendall published a statement to social media urging the public to contact County Supervisors stating, "I know our Board of Supervisors agrees with me that all Mendocino County residents deserve a better quality of life. I'm asking each of you to contact your Supervisor by reaching out to them on social media or just tag them in a comment below. Let them know you stand with us in wanting all of us to live in a safer community."

In response to our Sheriff's plea and in light of his report of uptick in inland organized crime, it is imperative that the Board of Supervisors invite the Sheriff to explain his specific needs. What ongoing dollar amount is necessary for the Sheriff to solve the problem at hand? How will the resources be utilized to prevent out of area criminals (who will likely target illicit and legal farms alike)? The board should carefully contemplate the Sheriff's proposal, balancing competing general fund obligations. Based on data-backed crime trends presented by the Sheriff, if the projected needs exceed county capacity, a local emergency declaration and

request for mutual aid from the state should be considered.

The affected communities and our brave public servants deserve affirmation of our intent to support and protect. In balancing competing priorities, our decisions should result from solid data, and a long term strategic plan. In a time of mounting dilemmas, our execution demands precision and unambiguous specificity. For these reasons, it is imperative that the Sheriff's Office present a plan to the Board of Supervisors that supports and substantiates any action related to the social media statement.

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: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 7, 2020

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

