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Public Comment

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**From:** Michael Welsh <mdwelsh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please read my comments into record: D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello,

My name is Michael Welsh and I call Santa Barbara County home. I am writing to you today in both grief and hope. Grief that it has taken yet another black life to shine a spotlight on the injustice ingrained within this nation. And hope that this moment will incite the very change that prevents any more blood from being spilled.

I urge you to introduce legislation that seeks to:

1. END THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY. Poverty disproportionately affects the black community. Subjecting communities that have been left behind for decades to harsh punishment simply because of the impoverished circumstances they find themselves in is another avenue that puts black people in confrontation with police officers. Direct the money to programs that seek to actually improve the living conditions of the over-policed.
2. END PRACTICES SUCH AS NO-KNOCK WARRANTS. No-knock warrants are prone to mishap, confusion, and misunderstanding.
3. RIGOROUSLY SCREEN THOSE ENTERING THE POLICE FORCE AND CONTINUALLY SUBJECT THOSE IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO TESTS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FITNESS AND MENTAL CAPACITY.
4. PROVIDE EVERY OFFICER IN THE LINE OF DUTY WITH A BODYCAM. Bodycams force officers to weigh their decisions with the knowledge that others will be watching (and judging) them.
5. ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD that allows underrepresented individuals and communities to voice their concerns and litigate on matters concerning injustice.

I ask you to start the process of fixing what is broken in this nation.

Sincerely,  
Michael Welsh

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**From:** Williams, Das <[DWilliams@countyofsb.org](mailto:DWilliams@countyofsb.org)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 2:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: We Demand Change: Five Demands To Help Us Move Forward  
**To:** Michael Welsh <[mdwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:mdwelsh@gmail.com)>

Thank you so much for your email in support of our Black community and eliminating police violence.

I am co-sponsoring an agenda item with Supervisor Gregg Hart on racial equity and our criminal justice system on Thursday, June 11th at 1pm. You can watch live at <https://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/csbtv/livestream.sbc> and also please consider calling in or writing in public comment to be read into the record (instructions on how to do that below). In addition to our full Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer will all

be present to address the issues raised.

Speaking during public comment: Call (805) 568-2240 and give your name, phone number, and item you wish to speak on (D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System) and the clerk will call you at the appropriate time to speak.

Email: [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org) and state you want your comments read into the record (limit to 250 words) by 5pm on Wednesday the 10th.

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**From:** Michael Welsh <[mdwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:mdwelsh@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Auditor; TTCPAPG; Salcido, Susan; Williams, Das; [assemblymember.limon@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.limon@assembly.ca.gov);  
[senator.jackson@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.jackson@sen.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** We Demand Change: Five Demands To Help Us Move Forward

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Hello,

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I write to you for a simple reason: you are an individual with the power to reform the laws that rob us of our collective humanity. I urge you and all California legislators to introduce legislation that seeks to:

1. END THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY. Poverty disproportionately affects the black community. Subjecting communities that have been left behind for decades to harsh punishment simply because of the impoverished circumstances they find themselves in is another avenue that puts black people in confrontation with police officers. Direct the money to programs that seek to actually improve the living conditions of the over-policed.
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We will not rest until our grievances are heard and action is taken. For too long we have waited idly for those in power to act. All across the nation, the people of this country are filling in where we felt our leaders have left a gaping hole. I ask you to start the process of fixing what is broken in this nation.

Sincerely,

Michael Welsh  
California Resident

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**Michael Welsh**

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"Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get. But *if you work really hard, and you're kind, amazing things will happen.*" - Conan O'Brien

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**From:** Rose Levy <roselevy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I wish for these comments to be read into the record at the board of supervisors meeting on 6/10.

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports That although, “only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara’s population is black. . . .when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.”

I am tired of living in a community that pretends to be only white. This intentional erasing of out Black community members is a sickness.

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday and all the others is the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored until it literally murders someone. The truth is, Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day and It’s affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

### **Therefore, we demand:**

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

We demand action,  
Rose Levy

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**From:** Sarah Stark <sarahstark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 6/11 SB County Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Hello,

I want my comment read into the record for today's SB County board of Supervisors Meeting. For too long, Santa Barbara has been a "bubble" where locals and tourists alike believe that racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our "Paradise". We know that this is simply incorrect. Santa Barbara, like the rest of the United States, was built on the backs of Black people and People of Color. We know that racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because, as the Santa Barbara Independent reports, police physicality is disproportionately targeted toward Black people.

The tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday and countless others are the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored until it literally murders someone. Black community members are suffocated by racism and white supremacy daily. It affects their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

**Therefore, we demand:**

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End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers

The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Sarah Stark  
(480) 242-5184

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**From:** Matt Herman <ethilitis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** SB City Council Meeting Comments - Read on record

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I feel the Santa Barbara police department needs to change. P.D. statistics show 8.7% of force used by officers is on black people, who are only 1.3% of our community, and the disparity for Latinos is equally terrible. This needs to change, the entire use of force policy needs to change, starting with shifting to arming police officers with non-lethal force similar to as practiced in the U.K. Santa Barbara is not immune to excessive force problems. The use of carotid restraint technique, a choke hold, is inexcusable, three times in the last five years. Eric Garner was murdered by the NYPD five years ago by chokehold, yet SBPD only banned it last year. What makes us special? We prosecute petty infractions like selling loose cigarettes and harass the homeless just like in a larger city.

The Independent finds that there were 140 official complaints filed since 2016, 8 alleging racial discrimination, and 9 alleging excessive force, and only 17 were subject to internal investigation validating the complaint. That is suspicious to me. We need citizen review boards, membership in an elected office that have actual authority to review complaints and fire offending officers. If the SBPD are so confident in their assessment, what's the problem?

Finally, we must defund the police and invest in affordable housing, food security, fire prevention/departments, and in our school districts. We must face the real social problems in our community and fund the right responses.

Matt and Jessica Herman

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**From:** Angela Weidmann <ang.weidmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting - statement

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Please read my statement in Thursday's **Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Far too many Santa Barbara citizens believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are happening elsewhere and not in our community. However, we know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of our Black community members.

Because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in this town was murdered by the police in Oxnard.

Because the Independent reports that although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black... when police get physical – with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines – 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday and the many others is the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored until it literally murders someone.

The truth is, Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day, affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

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**From:** Sarah Habib <sk.habib@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Here is my comment for the record:

Board of supervisors,

I urge you to learn humbly from and work with local Black leaders on their demands [beyond tokenization & white saviorism].

The discomfort you may feel that is holding you back from forming genuine relationships & conversations with Black folks is lethal.

The discomfort you may be feeling from this current momentum towards justice is nothing compared to generations of violence against Black bodies.

Santa Barbara has needed a massive shift in consciousness, because its institutions have been harmful and violent towards its communities of color since its foundation. SB literally celebrates colonization every year with a festival.

I urge you to use whatever privilege you have to mobilize for justice. Defund the police. Invest in security based in community resources & not violence. Invest in reparations & generational wealth for communities of color so they aren't constantly uprooting themselves from SB. Commit to continual improvement and necessary changes LONG TERM. Form public processes to hold yourselves accountable.

I urge you to do the inner work within yourself, families, communities & institutions to dismantle white supremacy & all systems of oppression. Honor the people's right to live dignified, whole & healed.

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**From:** Kate Saubestre <ksaubestre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Thursday June 11

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I would like my comments read into the record for (D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System), on Thursday June 11th.

Here is my comment:

I stand in solidarity with the BLM SB and am in full support of their demands.

I strongly believe that we give police officers in the United States, and in Santa Barbara, both too much responsibility and too much power. Too much responsibility in their decision to make arrests, and too much power to allow them to do so. We give them too much power with weapons, heightening their sense of authority, and too much responsibility to ask that this power and authority does not turn into brutality.

I have heard these stories from Black members of our community and want to amplify their stories to make sure they are heard and respected. I urge the council and Sheriff's Department to address these stories and do everything in their power to prevent these stories from happening again in the future.

I am sure you have been in conversations regarding police brutality and incarceration and how these are both part of systemic racism. If you have not, then you have been actively ignorant, and to be actively ignorant is to be passively racist. It is vital that we support our community members in having an anti-racist agenda.

I would like to believe that some of you entered into the police force, not just to be an authoritative figure so people would cower around you, but because you wanted to do good for your community. By accepting the demands of the BLM SB you are being presented with an opportunity to do good, take it.

- Kate Saubestre

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**From:** Angela Barron <albarron@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Demands from my Dear Community and Myself

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Good evening County of SB Officials,

Attending University of California, Santa Barbara for four years, I've had a rude awakening of how unfair, unjust and marginalized people of color are in these institutions, especially Black people. I come from an predominately Black and Brown community in Riverside Santa Barbara where I never acknowledged the environmental racism that is present especially in my community back home. Coming here I was surprised that I could actually breathe being outside, for in Perris, California the air quality is ranked the second worst right after minority communities in Los Angeles and places in the Inland Empire such as San Bernardino. I am tired of seeing my friends and family die dude to systemic racism. They are constantly getting murdered by the police and are suffocating with health issues that range from asthma, cancer, diabetes etc., which is not even half of the injustices I've come to discover from spending my time here in Santa Barbara. I DEMAND

-The adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency

-Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year

The protection and preservation of Black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center

-The creation of a Civilian Review Board for the Santa Barbara Police Department.

In Santa Barbara the Black and Brown community still exists and are huge. They need to be at the forefront of these conversations and must be heard, because I am tired of living these injustices every single day as a Latina woman and cannot even fathom what my Black friends and family endure trying to survive every single days of their lives.

-Angela

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**From:** Sam Schwan <schwan.sam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for Santa Barbara Country Board of Supervisors Meeting

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'd like my comment read into the record at the Santa Barbara Country Board of Supervisors Meeting on item D-4 — Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System.

I am reaching out to express my anger, disappointment, and frustration towards the SBPD. They should not be receiving 32.32% of the budget, **THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING**. Unless you count harassment, condescension, and racism as valuable contributions to our community. In Santa Barbara, 6% of individuals that have been arrested were black while they only make up 1.8% of our community. On top of that, crime in Santa Barbara has decreased, yet funding has increased \$9 million in the last 3 years. The support this funding shows for the violence against black and brown people is shameful.

We don't need budget cuts across departments to pay for a \$140 billion dollar police station. We need to stop pouring funds into police and invest in things that actually benefit the community like education, restorative justice practices, housing, poverty, and food insecurity. We need to stop ignoring racism and the injustices against people of color by adopting a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. We need to keep SBPD responsible by adopting a Civilian Review Board that can vote out corrupt cops.

We need to support our black community by providing support for an annual Juneteenth celebration. And we need to preserve history by protecting and preserving local black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center.

We will continue to make our voices known. Listen to your community. We need CARE NOT COPS.

Thank you for your work and time,  
Sam Schwan

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**From:** Roya Bazaei <rbazaei@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Record

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**Name:** Roya Bazaei

**Item:** D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**\*Please read my comments into the record\***

I'm a 31 year old public school teacher born and raised in Santa Barbara. I'm writing to you as an ally of the Black Lives Matter movement to voice my support for all of their demands. Specifically, I ask for institutional support and funding for an annual Juneteenth celebration; I ask that the Sheriff's Office update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation; I ask that we end isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers; I ask that the District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration. Black people in our community deserve to feel safe, seen, and celebrated. I've heard over and over again from black community members that right now, they do not. It is your responsibility as city leaders to change that. Your incentives to make these changes are strong. Black people add an incalculable amount of value to our community. Where diversity and culture are welcomed and celebrated, there is so much more collective wisdom, truth, and innovation. Intelligent, culturally competent young professionals will not continue to live in a city that does not celebrate and protect people of color. The status quo is unsustainable. Please do something.

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fwd: street sign removal

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Please forward this to all the supervisors.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>  
**Subject:** street sign removal  
**Date:** June 10, 2020 at 2:36:42 PM PDT  
**To:** "[HLCSecretary@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:HLCSecretary@santabarbaraca.gov)" <[HLCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:HLCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov)>

Dear Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commissioners,

The offensive street sign ( indio muerto) can no longer be tolerated for all the obvious reasons.

I implore you to use your power to have it removed immediately.

Sincerely,

Fran

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**From:** Dylan Vrana <dvrana@runbox.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for meeting 11 June 2020

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I would like the below comments read into the minutes of the BoS meeting on 11 June 2020, time permitting. Also, as a note, the agenda for that meeting and <https://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/cob.sbc> disagree on when the deadline for submitting this comment is- the former says it is "the Monday prior to the Board meeting," while the latter says "the day prior to the Board meeting."

The comment is as follows:

The murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sparked protests against police violence throughout America. Police act with outsized budgets, minimal accountability, and obvious racist intent. While some would pretend otherwise, Santa Barbara is no different. A recent investigation by the Independent found that 8.7% of violence from the SBPD is directed at black Santa Barbara residents, despite them only making up 1.3% of the county's population. Similarly, they found that 44.2% of SBPD violence is directed at Latino residents, despite them making up 36.5% of the county.

The county sheriff's office, which refuses to ban known-deadly neck restraints like the one used to murder George Floyd, is no better. I call on the county to immediately accept the demands of SB Black Lives matter, including:

- \* Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- \* The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
- \* End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- \* The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Additionally, I believe the county should reconsider the budget of the sheriff's office. Much of the \$154 million currently spent on that office would be better spent programs to serve the community and lift people up, rather than officers to police and imprison them.

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**From:** Ellen Willis-Conger <phelreso@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Cathy Murillo; Rep. Salud Carbajal  
**Subject:** Policy and Equity project

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Santa Barbara County PHD and Ventura County PHD were allies to evaluate policies and structure that led to racial inequities.

The project began in early 2017 and was coordinated with the resources provided by the Public Health Alliance of Southern California :<https://phasocal.org/advancing-equity-in-the-heat-of-covid-19/>

What was the outcome of this collaboration? Was the project funded and staff allocated to the project?

Thank you,  
Ellen Willis-Conger  
Resident of 93101  
former PHD employee



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**From:** Arlene Stepputat <arlene@dyinginrace.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Statement from The Freedom to Choose Project  
**Attachments:** Board of Supervisors Final 6 11 2020.docx

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Dear Clerk for our County,

Thank you for your service. Attached please find a comment to be READ INTO THE RECORD from The Freedom to Choose Project for tomorrow's hearing on criminal justice reform.

Thanks you!

Sincerely,  
Arlene Stepputat  
Founding Board Member Freedom to Choose  
612 N. Ontare Road, SB 93105

## Statement for the Public Hearing on Incarceration Reform

The Freedom to Choose Project (FTC), a local 501 C3, was founded to provide innovative and healing programs for those incarcerated in the California prison system. For the last 15 years, FTC has relied on community and nationwide volunteers to carry forth its mission: Transforming the lives of individuals impacted by incarceration through compassionate experiential education. Last year, we received a grant from the CDCR to expand to a total of 6 prisons within our state. Just prior to the COVID outbreak, we were meeting with members of the Sheriff's Department along side of CLU (Clergy and Laity United) to consider how these programs could be brought into our local jail.

Our intention as an organization is to continue to do our part; to listen, and take action in the face of injustice, racism, and bigotry. We are painfully aware of the disproportionate number people of color in the prison system and how this reflects deeply rooted institutionalized racism.

FTC takes its name from the work of Viktor Frankl, who was a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps. His work serves to remind us of the consequence of ignoring institutionalized racism. The heart of our work is about valuing all people, regardless of color. Frankl said that between stimulus and response is an opportunity to make a choice about how we act and that is our freedom. We choose to bring change and to assist in transforming the criminal justice system, especially in our own county.

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**From:** Jonah Haas <jonahhaas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment to be read into the record during Hearing on Racial Equity in SB Criminal Justice System

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PLEASE READ THIS INTO THE RECORD TOMORROW. We are hearing nationwide demands from the BLM movement to #defundpolice as a solution toward dismantling the deeply embedded systemic racism and white supremacy inherent in our policing and criminal justice systems. We understand this to be a more complex conversation than simply disbanding and dissolving the police, but rather it will include more rigorous hiring criteria and vetting, more accountability, and a reprioritization of funding toward community-based initiatives. Along these lines, we see the imperative to also uplift and prioritize other important preventative approaches like mental health services, sexual assault and rape crisis counselors, social advocacy, community-led projects, and community-based guardianship that focuses on de-escalation, mediation, and harm reduction.

We understand that the state is earmarking funding to activate response teams in this regard and that Santa Barbara may be re-prioritizing their spending to align with these wider calls and important movements. Santa Barbara is already a leader in this regard (especially the work of Eddie Hsueh) and can continue to lead the way by looking to partner with existing local companies. One example is The Guardian Team, a local company that functions as both a security agency for events, businesses, and communities( through its strategic partnership with SITREP) AND a harm reduction team that focuses on community safety. Locally, The Guardian Team has worked closely with the Isla Vista Community Service District, Lucidity Festival, Earth Day, SB Cast, the Apple Store, and the Isla Vista Food Coop as well as more than 20 other events and organizations across California. We ask the county of Santa Barbara to consider exploring ways that with The Guardian Team can act as a supplemental presence for peak events and happenings. Examples could include Fiesta, Solstice Parade, protests, holiday parades, First Thursdays, major Isla Vista events, and other high traffic nights downtown. Outcomes to include: increased public safety, decreased amount of calls funneled to police, enhanced concept of Guardianship among the community and ultimately, once trust and track record has been established, will allow for a decreasing of police presence and a subsequent reduction of overall spending.

- Jonah Gabriel Haas  
15 year SB resident and Local Business Owner

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Lucidity Festival  
Marketing Manager & Co-Founder

Lucid University  
Co-Founder

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**From:** Simone Baker <simabaker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

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Therefore, we demand:

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- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thanks,  
Simone Akila  
Sent from my iPhone

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Daniel Bernal <bernalotero@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** I want my comment to be read into the record

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Hello,

I am Daniel Bernal and I've been a Santa Barbara resident for 9 years. Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports that although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical - with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines - 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

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Best,

Daniel Bernal

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Chelsea Lyon-Hayden <calyon42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment - 6/11/20 Meeting

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,  
I would please like my comment to be read into the record during tomorrow's meeting. Thank you.

According to reporting by the *Santa Barbara Independent*, "Only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black. Yet when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black." Please let that sink in.

It can be easy to think anti-black racism doesn't touch Santa Barbara like it does in other parts of the country, or that we're doing enough by condemning blatant acts of racism, but then going back to business as usual. Please listen to the needs and demands of our black community to shape sustainable, anti-racist changes in our institutions — and continue to involve them in these decisions.

In alignment with Black Live Matter Santa Barbara, I demand institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year. I demand the Sheriff update the Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation. I demand that isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers ends. And I demand the District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Kelly de Roulet <kellyderoulet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

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To whom it may concern:

Racism in Santa Barbara exists. We can no longer continue to pretend that our community is not affected by it. Even though the Black community makes up only 1.3% of the population, according to the Independent, when police use excessive force 8.7% of the time it is directed at people who are black.

As a long time educator, who works with at risk youth and students with disabilities, I have studied and seen first hand the benefits of positive behavior support over the more traditional discipline by punishment. We should be funding community programs to support the whole health of our community and not focus on policing and punishments.

Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy. It's affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It's not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

Therefore we demand:

Institutional and financial support for the annual Juneteenth celebration - not just this year but every year

The sheriff update its use of force policy to focus on de-escalation

End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers

The district attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

It is time to create policies that show our community that black lives matter. I would like this statement read into the record.

Thank you,  
Kelly de Roulet

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Chance English <chanceenglish79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for June 11th Meeting on social justice, equity, the police, and BLM demands

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This is Chance English, a graduate student at the university and resident of District 2 in Santa Barbara county. I am asking the board of supervisors to meet the demands from Black Lives Matter as follows..

1. Transparency and accountability from the SB County Sheriff.
2. Update use of force policy to center deescalation.
3. No isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers.
4. Reduce jail admissions by redirecting people to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Additionally I am demanding the creation of an independent civilian review board to create structural change in how officers are held accountable.



**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Eli Pearlman <elipearlman17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** SBC hearing on criminal justice

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I would like this comment "read into record"

Study after study has shown restorative justice to be more effective at reducing recidivism.

The sheriff's department, meanwhile, has the second highest recommended budget total for 2020-21. Including a \$10.4 million increase from last year.

Why shouldn't we reallocate some of that money to programs that will make our community stronger, like restorative justice?

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Cheers,

Eli Pearlman

[elipearlman17@gmail.com](mailto:elipearlman17@gmail.com)

[www.linkedin.com/in/epearlman/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/epearlman/)

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Ella Arnerich <earnerich@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for Item D-4: Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

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The following is my comment to be read into the record:

"My name is Ella Arnerich, and I am a resident of Isla Vista. I am a non-black ally standing in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement and the black community of Santa Barbara County. Racism and white supremacy exists in our communities. Racism is a public health issue that is prevalent in all of our systems including but not limited to healthcare, education, housing, and law enforcement. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist. Our county has the opportunity to make sustainable changes to our institutions in order to create a more equitable society and a better community for current and future generations. I demand:

1. The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration
2. The Sheriff update the 'Use of Force' policy to center on de-escalation
3. Provide institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration
4. End isolation for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers "

Sincerely,  
Ella Arnerich

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Loren <firestone500@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** racial equity and criminal justice

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

Despite what our Sheriff might claim, we have a problem with institutionalized racism within local law enforcement. This is proven by Sheriff Brown's efforts to collaborate with the racist, belligerent, human rights abusing pariah, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These efforts to collaborate with ICE are carried out against the clear wishes and feedback from the local community. The disproportionate use of violence against Black community members, who make up 1.3% of the population but are subject to 8.7% of physical violence administered by the Santa Barbara Police Department is another concrete piece of evidence.

We have heard from the Black community and thanks to their willingness to help us grow, no County resources need to be allocated to researching the issue and finding solutions. Thank you Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara!

The SB County can take immediate and meaningful action to combat institutional racism by:

- Providing institutional and financial support for annual Juneteenth celebrations
- Requiring the Sheriff's Office to update its Use of Force policy and center on de-escalation
- Ending isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- Having the District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thank you for your time and service to the public-

Loren Mindell  
Goleta, CA  
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## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Phoenix Plotner <phoenixdakota@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comments for the June 11th Meeting

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My name is Phoenix Plotner and I want my comments read into the record.

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports that although, “only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara’s population is black...when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.”

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## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Emma Wilkins <ew.emmatw6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment Thursday 6/10

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello,

I would like for this public comment to be read into the record.

I am emailing to voice my support of the following demands laid out by BLM SB. These actions are just the first steps towards racial justice and it is imperative that these demands are met with your full support. Racism and white supremacy are prevalent in Santa Barbara county and these demands are just the first steps towards amending this.

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- Institutional and financial
- support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
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- The Sheriff update its
- Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
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- End isolation/quarantine
- for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
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- The District Attorney
- implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration
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Thank you,  
Emma Wilkins

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Solmaz Soleimani <sol.soleimani75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Written Comment for Hearing on Racial Equity (read in the record)

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Solmaz Soleimani and I have called Santa Barbara my home for six years. I'm disappointed that people in Santa Barbara often believe that racism and white supremacy, along with their violent legacy, are not issues here. We must listen to our Black and POC community members as they share their experiences and demands.

We know racism is a dangerous issue in Santa Barbara because of what happened to Meagan Hockaday who was murdered by the Oxnard police. We know racism affects our community because although "only ~1.3% of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical... 8.7% of the time, the target of their force is black" (SB Independent).

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday, and countless others whose murder, harassment, and oppression was not caught on camera, are not isolated events. They are symptoms of institutionalized racism that governments have failed to address and continue to perpetuate. It is not enough to condemn racism. Our institutions must actively strive to be anti-racist.

We demand:

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
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Regards,

Solmaz Soleimani

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Lucas Grandcolas <l\_r\_g@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Tomorrows Board of Supervisor's meeting

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Hello,

I would like this comment read into the record.

I am writing you, our public servants, to demand that you perform your duties and work to improve racial equity in our county. I am firmly against the supremacy of white people in our government and our society. I demand that equity for racial issues in our county, including gentrification, natural disasters, law enforcement, economic development, and education, among others, be served. There are too many black and Latinx members of our community being profiled or incarcerated, too many being pushed out due to gentrification, too many being left behind by a school system that prioritizes the achievements of white students over others, too many being disproportionately affected by our natural disasters. As an SBJHS, SBHS, and UCSB alumni, I know a thing or two about racial disparity in our local schools and county at large. I watched my Latinx classmates be left behind, excluded from classes that grant college credits, representing a barrier to entry to universities. I've watched my Eastside Neighborhood become more and more white. Our county is not immune to racial issues, so lets not act like it.

Thank you

Lucas Grandcolas

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Laurence Severance <LJSeverance@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 6/11/2020 - Public Hearing on Racial Equity & the Criminal Justice System      Public Comment

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

**Re: 6/11/2020 - Public Hearing on Racial Equity & the Criminal Justice System  
Public Comment submitted 6/10/20 by:**

**Laurence J. Severance,                      E-mail: LJSeverance@msn.com  
214 Selrose Lane, SB CA 93109**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Thank you for re-examining racial equity in our criminal justice system.

These personal comments are informed by my ongoing participation in a CLUE (Clergy & Laity united for Economic justice) Criminal Justice Task Force working with Sheriff's Department representatives toward jail reforms to reduce recidivism. Local recidivism is currently about 70%. Our jail disproportionately houses persons of color, so racial equity is highly relevant.

CLUE's task force members are guided by an overarching principle that jails should "build good neighbors" in place of dehumanizing punishment that undermine inmates' self-respect and diminishes chances of successful re-entry into our communities. I ask this governing body to:

(1) Expand jail-based training programs. Increased training opportunities will improve prospects for jail residents to return to our communities with new skills to build on. Training should include general education (GED), job skills training, and development of personal life skills.

(2) Increase transitional planning and support. Give released inmates a better chance to achieve self-sustaining lives. Expand probation planning, housing support.

(3) Increase funds to support volunteers. Hire jail program personnel to streamline volunteer screening and implement volunteer participation. Example: Freedom To Choose Project is a successful volunteer program working in California's prisons. Our jail lacks administrative support to host this program.

(4) Divert people from jail. Hire more mental health and addiction workers to replace some police functions and decriminalize medically driven behavior.



Thank you.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Bonnie Dawson <bonnierella@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I request my comment is read into the record.

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports that although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical - with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines - 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

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We cannot look away from these issues because they are uncomfortable. To be complicit and silence is to choose the side of the oppressor. And as the majority of Santa Barbara is white it is vital to listen to the black and brown community.

White people don't get to decide if an issue surrounding race is real or not cause we are the oppressors. To deny someone's reality is gaslighting them in order to push white comfort and white delusion.

Listen to the community and stop performing progress and actually make concrete steps towards change.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Dawson

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Timur Nasafi <nasaficp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please read this into comment June 11th

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And I know it exists, because I, personally, have been profiled by Bill Brown's overfunded and overenthusiastic gestapo.

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Meagan Hockaday and COUNTLESS others is the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored until it literally murders someone. The truth is, Black & Brown community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day and It's affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

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- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration
- investigate defunding the sheriff's department

Get onboard or get out,  
Timur Nasafi

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Olivia Davi <oliviardavi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment | SB County Board of Supervisors Meeting 6/11

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hi there,

I would like my public comment to be read into the record at tomorrow's meeting.

"I have already contacted the board of supervisors via email last week in support of these demands but would like to reiterate that I stand with Black Lives Matter in DEMANDING transparency and accountability from the SB County Sheriff. I standby all demands and urge you to take action now. You have a responsibility to serve and protect the people of this community. LISTEN TO OUR VOICES NOW. Be with us and stand with Black Lives Matter."

Olivia Davi

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Julia Bickford <juliabickford96@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** County Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System Comment

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to submit the following public comment to be read into the record at the County Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System tomorrow, June 11, 2020:

Too many people in this county believe that white supremacy and systemic racism are problems that only affect other communities. This is a false narrative. We know that white supremacy, systemic racism, and individual racism exist here in Santa Barbara because so many Black community members have come forward to share their experiences. We know that it has gone on for decades unchecked and overlooked because a popular restaurant bearing the racist slur "Sambos" was considered a beloved historical attraction by many until just this week. We know racism exists here because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up Santa Barbara, was murdered by police in Oxnard. We know because according to the Santa Barbara Independent, although "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical...8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black." I am not black, but on behalf of Santa Barbara County's Black community, I beg you to quit ignoring their suffering at the hands of systemic racism. We have inherited this system, now we must make the conscious choice to end the systematic racism that causes our Black community mental, physical, and emotional anguish every single day. We have to decide collectively that Black lives matter and make all of our institutions anti racist. Immediately implementing their demands will be a solid first step in the right direction. Support annual Juneteenth celebrations, focus on de-escalation in police training, end inmate isolation, and pursue alternatives to incarceration.

Thank you for your time.

Julia Bickford



## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Arianna Spiller <aaspiller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment-please read aloud at Supervisors Meeting on 6/11

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello My name is Arianna Spiller and I have lived in SB since I was 11.

Everyday that we don't intentionally make Santa Barbara safer for our Black communities and communities of color we are actively upholding and honoring white supremacy.

The dangers of white supremacy and police brutality have strong roots in our town, a town built on colonization and indigenous genocide.

Our demands to start actively combatting these are as follows:

The adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency

Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration - not just this year but every year

The protection and preservation of Black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center

The creation of a Civilian Review Board for the Santa Barbara Police Department

Not honoring and instituting these demands is making a clear and blatant statement that you are willing to uphold white supremacy and police brutality OVER THE SAFETY OF Black and Brown communities

I don't know how many marches, how many shootings, or how many Black lives lost you need to make change but one is too many and the changes need to be made NOW

Thank you.



## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Luz Reyes-Martin <luz.erendira@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment - June 11 BOS Meeting

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Good Afternoon,

I ask that the following comment be read out at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 11th.

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Board of Supervisors,

My name is Luz Reyes-Martín. I thank you for holding this important hearing to allow the people of Santa Barbara County to have their voices heard. I lend my voice, as a resident of the 2nd District, as a Goleta School Board Member, and as the President of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee.

What we have witnessed over the last few weeks is not new - but is a tipping point. The murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and many more Black people are calling on us to take action. Enough is Enough.

We love this community and we rise today, with urgency, to demand that we do better. Institutional racism exists here in our own communities. I appreciate the statements of solidarity and the outpouring of support that we have witnessed on our streets and in our public meetings. Statements are important AND action is a necessary next step.

I support:

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- Institutional and financial
- support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
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- That the Santa Barbara Sheriff
- update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
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- End isolation/quarantine
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- diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

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Lastly, Budgets are statements of values. I ask that the Board of Supervisors take this to heart and consider the ways funds can be invested in our communities to support mental health, housing, childcare, and youth programs.

**Luz Reyes-Martín**

President

Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee

Trustee

Goleta Union School District

[luz.reyesmartin@gmail.com](mailto:luz.reyesmartin@gmail.com)

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Matt Herman <ethilitis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** read into the record

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please read into the record

I believe we need to halt the construction of the North Branch County Jail in Santa Maria. I am not persuaded that because it is less staff intensive this is a money saver. It has high operational costs, \$19.5 million this year. Besides, the agency's own executive summary shows the proposed budget for staff for three years! Do we need a fourth year of this at a time when the local school district is projected to cut staff? No, it would be cheaper to depopulate the jails! Fund the office of the Public Defender before you fund the construction of a new jail, and the very least. The public defender receives about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the funds of the prosecutor. Enable a civilian review board to investigate both sheriff and correctional officer misconduct. If Bill Brown can release 30 inmates to protect the jail from Covid-19, what does that say about who we incarcerate and why? Over 500 inmates are incarcerated in our jails today, would you the citizens of Santa Barbara County really put them there? Do you think you would convict these people? 8 percent of the jail population was black, compared to 2 percent of the county population.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Matthew Herman <matthew.herman.87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** read into the record

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read into the record

I believe we need to halt the construction of the North Branch County Jail in Santa Maria. I am not persuaded that because it is less staff intensive this is a money saver. It has high operational costs, \$19.5 million this year. Besides, the agency's own executive summary shows the proposed budget for staff for three years! Do we need a fourth year of this at a time when the local school district is projected to cut staff? No, it would be cheaper to depopulate the jails! Fund the office of the Public Defender before you fund the construction of a new jail, and the very least. The public defender receives about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the funds of the prosecutor. Enable a civilian review board to investigate both sheriff and correctional officer misconduct. If Bill Brown can release 30 inmates to protect the jail from Covid-19, what does that say about who we incarcerate and why? Over 500 inmates are incarcerated in our jails today, would you the citizens of Santa Barbara County really put them there? Do you think you would convict these people? 8 percent of the jail population was black, compared to 2 percent of the county population.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Sarah Fretwell <info@sarahfretwell.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comments for Public Record

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Thank you for convening on this important issue today. For too long our system has focused on punishment instead of rehabilitation. When you look at the prison systems you see a common link between childhood trauma and mental illness. ***Within our prison system are the most traumatized people in our society.*** Other countries actually rehabilitate people. We imprison them. I would ask you truly reevaluate all of our systems and procedures and ask how can we truly serve the greatest benefit of everyone in our society? End the school to prison pipeline. Provide support for traumatized youth and do not punish them as adults. Recognize the economic and emotional trauma that many people of color face in our school systems and community face - and truly address it. We have amazing resources to healing and trauma modalities in our own community, it is past time to try to truly help these people heal and rehabilitate.

Sarah

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**From:** Jordan Hirsch <jordenhirsch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** (D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System)

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Hello-

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports That although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black....when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist. I am tired of hearing comments from our white community members who believe this is not our county's problem or their problem because they sit in a position of privilege. The burden of ending racism sits squarely on the shoulders of white people. We need to examine and hold a mirror to all our institutions to go beyond the commands which I fully support from Black Lives Matter SB.

### **Therefore, we demand:**

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

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**From:** Olivia Sparkuhl <sparkuhl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for SB County Board of Supervisors Hearing 6/11/2020

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(I would like my comment read into the record)

To the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Olivia and I am a resident of Carpinteria. For too long, the County of Santa Barbara has been comfortable with its whiteness. It's time to get uncomfortable. It's time to witness the overt and systemic racism that pulses through the veins of your community. It's time to listen to the pained and tired Black and brown voices that have been shouting for your attention for generations. It's time to confront the fact that your leadership has not served, supported, or protected Black and brown bodies. And it's time to do something about it. Below are our demands. May you heed them and be on the right side of history. We are all watching closely.

### **Demands:**

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

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**From:** Nicole Evans <nmevans87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Black Lives Matter

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Hello. Please read my comment into the record for the 6-11 hearing on racial justice.

Racism is real in Santa Barbara. The Santa Barbara Independent reports “only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara’s population is black....when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.”

The names are numerous: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday. Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day and It’s affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

Therefore, we demand:

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Sincerely,

Nicole Evans



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**From:** Dan Korman <dzkorman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for the record

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I would like the following comment read into the record at the 6/11 Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System.

I would like to see Santa Barbara County take concrete steps towards combating racism and police brutality in the county. I want to see de-escalation play a central role in the Sheriff's Use of Force policy. I want to see an end to isolation and quarantine for inmates attending court. And I want to see the DA pursuing alternatives to incarceration. But more than that, I want to see the County taking concrete steps towards creating a welcoming environment for our black neighbors. One way of achieving this is to pledge annual support (including financial support) for Juneteenth celebrations.

Daniel Korman  
Professor of Philosophy  
UCSB

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**From:** Colette Zylstra <colettezylstra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System - Written Comment

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I would like my comment to be read into the record.

My name is Colette Zylstra and I am here to speak out against white supremacy and for true racial equity throughout Santa Barbara County. It's a farce to believe that racism doesn't happen in Santa Barbara, that our community is "unique" to discrimination and police brutality occurring worldwide. Cases like Meagan Hockaday and reports released by the Independent only scratch the surface. Black people in our community are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy EVERY DAY. This constant scrutiny and fear for life has an affect on Black people's mental, physical, and emotional health. It's not enough to condemn acts of racism and white supremacy, WE MUST make our institutions Anti-racist.

I expect you to accept ALL our demands of:

1. Condemning police brutality and declaring racism as a public health emergency.
2. Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration.
3. The Protection and preservation of Black Landmarks in our community.
4. The creation of a Civilian Review Board for the SBPD.

Should you refuse these demands, you are making a statement that you do not care about supporting and uplifting the Black people in our community. That you are compliant with the harassment, racial discrimination, public health inequity, housing discrimination, and so many more injustices that have been ongoing in our community for centuries. What you do today, sends a message on where you stand. So do your job and know that we are watching.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Jessica Green <jessicagreenr@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Read into the Record

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

The recent killing of George Floyd brought to light the difficult truth of what the Black experience in America has been for so many of our citizens. These injustices have been happening since the beginning of our nation, and by failing to address these horrifying acts, we are failing members of our community. Statistics have made clear that the Black community faces higher rates of acts of violence against them by police in Santa Barbara County. We have allowed too many citizens to be discriminated against, beaten, and murdered in the face of white supremacy, and the systems that it infiltrates. The need for reform is clear.

**Therefore, we demand:**

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration - not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff updates its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

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**From:** Rhys Kennard <rhyskennard99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Comment

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To whom it may concern,

I would like the following comment to be read into the record at the SB County Board of Supervisors Meeting D-4, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System. Thank you in advance!

Best,  
Rhys Kennard

The comment is:

There is an urgent need to prioritize the safety and needs of Black people in Santa Barbara. Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports Although, “only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara’s population is black....when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.” Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day and It’s affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

Therefore, we demand:

- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration
- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year

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**From:** Daniel Kearney <dkearney2520@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Public Comment for the 6/11 1pm County Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Hello,

I'd like my comment read into the record.

While Santa Barbara often feels like a bubble separate from the rest of America, racism is as real and as deadly on the south coast as anywhere else. What's happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and far too many others is a direct result of unchallenged white supremacy implicitly endorsed by the state.

We demand the adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency. We demand annual, ongoing financial and institutional support for the Juneteenth Celebration and the protection and preservation of Black Landmarks in our county. We demand a Civilian Review board for the SBPD.

We also oppose the construction of a new SB city police department. SBPD accounts for almost a third of the SB city budget. This money should be spent on social programs that address the root causes of crime and poverty, not towards a militarized police force that upholds laws which criminalize poverty.

Thank you,

Daniel Kearney  
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617-710-6686 (Cell)

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**From:** Chloe Hoke <chloejadehoke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT: County Board of Supervisors Meeting (D-4: Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System)

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting the following public comment on the topic of "**D-4:Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System**". I ask that my comment be read into the record.

"My name is Chloe Hoke and am a white woman born and raised in Santa Barbara. I submit this comment in solidarity and support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Santa Barbara is NOT exempt. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. The Independent reports that although, only 1.3% of Santa Barbara's population is Black, 8.7% of physical action by police is targeted at Black community members (including kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines).

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday cannot be forgotten nor overlooked. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

Therefore, we demand:

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thank you."

Sincerely,  
Chloe Hoke

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**From:** Carlos Bardales <bardales88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment to be read into the record @ Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting jun 11th, 2020

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello,

My name is Carlos Bardales, I am an educator, I promote social justice and equity in my classroom. I teach my students the golden rule "treat others the way you want to be treated". I find it difficult to hold on to that rule as golden when in our community the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen. I know racism and white supremacy exist because it is a daily occurrence in the life's of my friends as members of the black community in Santa Bárbara. We know that white supremacy and racism exist because one of our community member Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard.

Our community should not wait to act, we should not wait to see another murder like that of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday. Our community should not deal with the constant trauma cause by racism and white supremacy. It is not enough to condemn acts of racism and white supremacy but we must make our institutions anti-racist.

**Therefore, I demand:**

- The adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency
- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration - not just this year but every year
- The protection and preservation of Black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center
- The creation of a Civilian Review Board for the Santa Barbara Police Department

With Hope, Carlos Bardales

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**From:** Landon Ranck <lranck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for 6/11 BoS Meeting

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

My name is Landon Ranck - I'm a 29-year-old lifelong resident of Santa Barbara. I went through the public schools, I work for a local nonprofit, I am white, and I stand in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

I love SB, but throughout my life, I have heard local black students in the schools, and now black colleagues and community members voice their experiences of suffering related to local racism. Most painfully, we remember Meagan Hockaday, who grew up locally, and was recently killed by the Oxnard police. I grew up knowing local police officers through church and school. I am astounded to learn from the Independent that while "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black....when police get physical... 8.7 percent of the time, the target... is black." Racism is here.

We cannot afford to ignore institutional racism and white supremacy. The status quo will result in more stories like Meagan Hockaday's. If we truly want to care for the entire Santa Barbara community, we must work to make our institutions anti-racist.

I support Black Lives Matter SB's demands for:

1. Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration every year moving forward
2. The Sheriff to update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
3. An end to isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
4. The District Attorney to implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Landon Ranck



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**From:** Jack Forinash <jackforinash@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for the Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I would like the following comment read into the public record for the Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System scheduled for 6/11 at 1pm:

"Santa Barbara County's police handbook should add new and revise existing policies to match research from the Police Use of Force Project ([useofforceproject.org](http://useofforceproject.org)) as soon as possible. By implementing all eight suggested limits on use of force in police departments, evidence from other departments shows a marked reduction in violence and death: both citizen deaths and police deaths. I reviewed SBC's existing "use of force" policy; it meets four of the eight suggestions: 1) a requirement to give a verbal warning before the use of force; 2) restrictions on shooting at moving vehicles; 3) a duty to intervene; and 4) a requirement for complete reporting when force is used. It does not meet these four recommendations: 1) a requirement to de-escalate; 2) establishment of a use of force continuum; 3) a requirement to exhaust all other means before using deadly force; and 4) a ban on chokeholds and strangleholds. Adding these missing policies is necessary and easily achievable. A committee established to review the current police handbook and make edits for adoption should include non-governmental/non-police black, indigenous, and other people of color and in leadership roles. Implementing and enforcing new policies, and reporting completely on them, will require oversight and follow-through from all levels to stop the murder of black and minority residents. Beyond policy, outreach programs and support services should be well-funded and supplant a police response when appropriate. Any programs and services should be easily accessed by rural residents. Thank you for the opportunity to comment."

– Jack Forinash, New Cuyama resident

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**From:** Patricia Fancher <pfancher@writing.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

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Dear SB county,

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, not in our community. We know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports That although, “only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara’s population is black....when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.”

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday and all the others is the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored until it literally murders someone. The truth is, Black community members are being suffocated by racism and white supremacy every day and It’s affecting their mental, physical, and emotional health. It is not enough to condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist.

Therefore, we demand:

- \*Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- \*The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- \*End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- \*The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

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**From:** Amara Teague <ateag.12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment on D-4 Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello, I would like the following statement to be read into public record regarding D-4 Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System:

I feel that Santa Barbara has been avoiding the virus that is white supremacy and racism for too long now. The burden of enduring white supremacy and racism has an enormous effect on our physical, mental and emotional health. As a Black woman who was born to a Black family in Santa Barbara it has been the unspoken problem that has gone on for too long. We must address it now.

I often wonder when my brother who suffers from mental illness might end up in a situation where a cop pulls his gun rather than de escalation. I worry if he ever needed help he would suffer in a jail rather than a hospital. We know that the criminal justice system disproportionately affects Black people and People of Color.

Only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical — with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines — 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black.

This is unacceptable and inexcusable. We need you to do better. Now is the time to take action and create meaningful impact that will benefit the community. This is why we demand:

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thank you,

Amara Teague

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**From:** Vivian Avila <vivianaa1509@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting Comment

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Ignorance is not bliss, it's harmful. Many people in Santa Barbara are under the illusion that racism doesn't occur here since they don't see it on a daily basis. But we all know that that is false since black members of our community still experience racism. We know racism still occurs here since one of our santa barbara raised members named Meagan Hockaday was killed by an oxnard officer. The officer killed Meagan within 20 seconds of entering her home. Meagan's three children witnessed their mother's murder. They witnessed an officer kill their mother, the officer who's job is to protect them and their mother, which he did not do that day. Meagan never received justice. I've seen racism in my own school. I've seen racist acts being swept under the rug and forgotten about by schools and the city itself and this ignorance creates more harm. Ignoring racism, white supremacy and police brutality is harming the black members of our community and this harm must come to an end. We need to make our institutions anti-racist, defund the police and hold police accountable for their violent acts.

Therefore, we demand:

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- The adoption of a resolution
- condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency
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- Institutional and financial
- support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
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- The protection and preservation
- of Black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center
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- The creation of a Civilian
- Review Board for the Santa Barbara Police Department
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- Vivian

I would like this comment to be read into the record.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Alison Day <aadayca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for June 11th Meeting

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Hello,  
I would like my comment read into the record for the meeting on June 11th at 1pm on issue D-4.

Comment:

In my three short years living in Santa Barbara it has become quite clear to me that the general attitude held by many about racism and white supremacy is something along the lines of: not my problem.

Santa Barbara, it is time to wake up. This is your problem and had been for as long as this city has been erasing the existence and experiences of black folks and culture.

Why is it that while only 1.3% of Santa Barbara's population is Black, 8.7% of the time police use physical force, it is against Black bodies?

Attending Santa Barbara City College, hate crime, racist slurs, and white innocence always preserved has been the norm. The responses to these issues has been sickening, but it is not unexpected. The city of Santa Barbara needs to step up and put an end to this. How can you expect anyone to be safe when the Black population is so vulnerable, so targeted? There needs to be city backed work done to stop racism, to become anti-racist.

We demand:

- Institutional and financial support for a Juneteenth celebration this year and every year forward.
- the sheriff update it's Use of Force Policy to center on de-escalation.
- end isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- the District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternative to incarceration.

Sincerely,  
Alison Day

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**From:** Crystal Franco <cryfranc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Re: racial equity and systemic racism in Santa Barbara County

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To be read into the record.

County Board of Supervisors,

Setting aside \$500k to improve racial equity is **.04%** of the \$1.1B budget. Is there an outline for how to invest? Which existing budget was this pulled from?

Some Supervisors' comments this Tuesday concerned me:

Supervisor Lavagnino saying "we owe the person at home that hasn't done anything safety" discounts those who were simply living while Black when they were murdered by police (e.g. Breonna Taylor was sleeping in her home).

Supervisor Adam: labelling police brutality as "passion of a situation" is abhorrent. You also said "until you've got Robocop that doesn't have emotions and can remove himself from the passion of a situation", followed by saying you were not justifying George Floyd's death with this statement. But then you went on to say "we might find out there's way more to that situation on a personal level than we know now". Sounds contradictory; you are justifying the murder of George Floyd due to Derek Chauvin's "passion" for something "personal". The chaos you speak of has been a part of the everyday lives of BIPOC, and yet how have BIPOC been kept safe by law enforcement from this daily chaos?

**Defunding the police doesn't mean abolishing the police, it means reinvesting in services by those who are properly trained in their field so that they have financial support to answer calls for instances such as domestic abuse, mental health crises, even crimes, where the result does not have to be yet another murder and/or assault by police.**

Time to reinvest in your community.

Thank you,

Crystal Franco  
Constituent of District 2

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Crystal Franco

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Kelly Whaling <kwhaling@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment during Hearing on Racial Equity

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Hello,

Below I am including a comment of less than 250 words to be read into public record:

I would like to submit my support for the demands from the Black community. Racism is a public health crisis, and Santa Barbara is not immune from its effects. From the disproportionate amount of Black and Brown boys at Los Prietos while White youth receive therapy and rehabilitation to the devastating COVID-19 crisis within Lompoc Federal Prison to the murder of Meagan Hockaday, Santa Barbara native, by Oxnard PD, people of color in our community are not safe.

Black and brown folks are the backbone of our community. We need to listen. They shouldn't have had to make these demands, and the fact that they did is a gift. Be on the right side of history.

I support all of the Healing Justice: BLM demands, especially:

Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year

The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation

End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers · The District Attorney  
implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kelly

**Kelly M. Whaling, M.A.**

Doctoral Candidate at the University of California, Santa Barbara

Pronouns: she, her, hers | *LGBTQ+ Safe Zone*

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**From:** Taylor McDowell <mcdowell.taylor@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Black Lives Matter

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- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Emilio Chaidez <emilio.chaidez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** BLM Support

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Hello,

My name is Emilio Chaidez and I am a resident in Santa Barbara. I would like to state that I am in full support of the demands of the BLM group. I would also like this email read on the record.

Living in Santa Barbara, it is easy to think that we live in a progressive coastal town where racial injustices do not exist. However, we know racism and white supremacy exist in our community because of the daily experiences of Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports that although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical - with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines - 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

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**From:** Kaitlin Kall <kall.kaitlin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for the County Board of Supervisors Meeting - 11th at 1pm

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Please read this comment into the record.

I am a Santa Barbara resident and extremely concerned about the unacceptable racial in our local jail. According to publicly available data, (source: [trends.vera.org](https://trends.vera.org)), compared to white people, a black person is 4 times more likely to be in the Santa Barbara jail; Native Americans are incarcerated at 2.5 times the rate; and LantinX people are incarcerated at double the rate.

But these data are three years old. As a community member and a voter, I find it unacceptable that I cannot find current data on who is in the jail and why. As a starting place, I ask you to release data in a timely and regular manner on who is in jail. This should include charge information, legal status, bond amounts, and length-of-stay to-date and must be broken down by race and gender.

We, the taxpayers, foot the bill of local incarceration. Jail is not only extremely expensive, but it is counter-productive. Incarceration disrupts employment and schooling, destabilizes families, worsens mental health issues, and increases trauma.

The COVID pandemic only compounds this damage. People in jail are extremely vulnerable to the virus. In response to COVID, counties around the country have worked to reduce the number of people in their jail; the Prison Policy Initiative reports that average jail population has decreased by 30%. In light of the pandemic, how much has Santa Barbara County reduced its jail population by? If the answer is not at least 30%, what steps will the county take to achieve this reduction?

Thank you,  
Kaitlin Kall

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Victor Borda <victor.borda.me@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Statement for June 11th hearing

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I would like this statement read into the record:

There are three easy steps SB County Sheriff can and should adopt as official policy:

1. Not hire officers who have been fired or asked to resign from previous positions.
2. Not hire officers who have a record of citizen complaints against them.
3. Ban knee-to-neck and chokehold measures.

It would also be helpful for the Sheriff to acknowledge that not all cases of police brutality are accidental or of-the-moment. That while most officers take the badge for the right reasons, there are some who take it specifically because they know it gives them qualified immunity to act out their own aggression and hate towards others. Those ones give the good officers a bad name, and they usually have a track record. The above steps would let them know SB County stands strong against that kind of behavior.

Victor Borda

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**From:** Mason Bouchet <masonbouchet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment on the dangers of racism

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello,

Please read my comment below into the record.

We cannot ignore systematic racism and white supremacy in our country any longer. I know Santa Barbara likes to imagine itself as this progressive and welcoming place, but in reality racism and white supremacy are just as prevalent here. Our Black community is crying out and needs to be heard. If you don't believe them, then you are a part of the problem.

Also, even as a white person, I have never felt comfortable when seeing a police officer. They are expected to do too much and I have never understood why someone who responds to calls that are primarily nonviolent needs to always have a weapon on them.

I wholeheartedly support the demands below and hope our community can be a leader as we step into the future and not be the one stumbling to catch up.

- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The Sheriff update its Use of Force policy to center on de-escalation
- End isolation/quarantine for inmates attending court or contacting their lawyers
- The District Attorney implement diversion programs and pursue alternatives to incarceration

Best,  
Mason

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Tiana Mascagno <tiana.mascagno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello,

My name is Tiana Mascagno and I am a Santa Barbara local. I am submitting the following comment to be read into record and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting on June 11, 2020.

As a Santa Barbara local and a privileged white woman, I have been guilty of turning a blind eye to the racism in this community until far too recently. While I have been an anti-racist in conversation and in theory, it is only now that I am finally taking action to make real change. My hope is that the Board of Supervisors will follow the lead of so many like me in admitting that you have been wrong, and that now is the time to change. Look to the citizens of Santa Barbara who are stepping up and demanding a better community, listening to our BLM SB leaders and doing the work to right so many wrongs. With this in mind, we demand:

- The adoption of a resolution condemning police brutality and declaring racism a public health emergency
- Institutional and financial support for an annual Juneteenth Celebration – not just this year but every year
- The protection and preservation of Black landmarks like St. Mar AME, Friendship Baptist Church, and Franklin Neighborhood Center
- The creation of a Civilian Review Board for the Santa Barbara Police Department

Thank you,  
Tiana Mascagno

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Charlotte Gullap-Moore <mooreonhealth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for 5pm on Wednesday the 10th

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I would like for the Santa Barbara police department to re-evaluate every office and staff member with a psychological test to rule out characteristics or traits of racist ideologies. If positive, these individuals should not be functioning in a job with direct contact with the public or involving the public. Secondly, any officer or staff with an internal affairs record or complaints of racist actions should be suspended without pay or fired if found with multiple occurrences. With the absence of these identified individuals their pay can offset the cost to improve your community policing efforts or incentivize the officers who are utilizing an equality and equitable approach when serving the Santa Barbara community.

Respectfully,

Charlotte A. Gullap-Moore

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**From:** jones.mariah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment

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I would like my comments read into the public record.

Many people believe that racism doesn't exist in Santa Barbara, that SB is a safe space for everyone. I'm here to tell you it's not. From the numerous times I've been called the N word, to white women clenching their purses at the mere sight of me, to being followed around a store while trying to shop, to the time a white man called my wife a dirty Mexican because she was simply walking by. Every time I leave my home I always wonder if this time will be the time that something horrible happens to me or my family simply because the color of our skin. I have a 3 year old son and shouldn't have to live in fear of leaving his mother a single parent for a simple traffic stop.

Megan Hockaday, Tamir Rice, Aiyana Jones, Jordan Edwards and George Floyd have fallen victim to white supremacy. It's time we stop ignoring the racism in Santa Barbara and make these changes for the safety of everyone in our community.

Therefore we demand:

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Thank You  
Mariah Jones-

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Terra D <terraledressler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Hello,

I would like the following comment to be read into the record at the Thursday, June 11th meeting, Hearing on Racial Equity and the Criminal Justice System:

"I am writing in support of the demands put forth by Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara. Contrary to what most of us have been taught or want to believe, racism is alive and well in Santa Barbara as evidenced by daily experiences of our Black community members and by blatant racial disparities in our criminal justice system. We have lots of work to do to create a safer community for people of color. These demands are a great place to start in making our local institutions actively anti-racist."

Thank you for your time,

Terra Dressler



**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Max Lemoson <max.lemoson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Hearing on Racial Equity & Criminal Justice System

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Hello, I'd like to have my comment read into the record please.

We Santa Barbarians respect all our fellow citizens including the officers out there protecting us. I'd like to say thank you for tirelessly working to keep us safe.

Thank you.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Emily Benaron <emilybenaron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** STOP RACISM IN SB

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please read my comments into the record for June 11, 2020.

Listening to George Floyd's family speak at his funeral broke my heart. Hearing his brother weeping openly for the hole left in his life, his Aunt and niece speaking of his big heart and sense of humor, and his old friend from 6th grade speaking of George's dreams to touch the world allowed just a glimpse of the man he was before being murdered with a knee on his neck. HE WAS A MAN. A HUMAN BEING.

Hearing that the parents of many other victims of police violence came to support George Floyd's family, some just weeks after their own children were murdered, broke my heart. As Reverend Al Sharpton stated, they now belong to a family where they are bound by immense loss. Listening to Brionna Taylor's mother's speak of her own grief after her daughter was murdered, IN HER OWN HOME, making it hard for her to breathe sometimes is only a slight understanding of the magnitude of unnecessary pain these families have had to face. THIS HAS TO STOP.

Too many people in Santa Barbara believe the dangers of racism and white supremacy are things that happen elsewhere, Racism and white supremacy exist in our community and are experienced daily by our Black community members. We know they exist because Meagan Hockaday, who grew up in Santa Barbara, was murdered by the police in Oxnard. We know racism exists because as the Santa Barbara Independent reports that although, "only around 1.3 percent of Santa Barbara's population is black...when police get physical - with kicks, punches, baton-strikes, and take-downs, as well as other forms of muscle like tasers, pepper spray, and canines - 8.7 percent of the time, the target of their force is black."

What happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Meagan Hockaday and all the others is the outcome of racism and white supremacy being ignored and accepted as the norm. THESE ARE MEN AND WOMEN. HUMAN BEINGS. They deserved to be safe and protected. The well-being of our Black community members is suffering due to acts of racism and white supremacy every day. We NEED to do more than condemn blatant acts of racism. We must make our institutions anti-racist. There is no turning back from this.

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Sincerely,

Emily Benaron

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**From:** kids7212 <kids7212@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Hearing 6/11

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Good afternoon, my is Veronica Campuzano and I have live a majority of my life in Santa Barbara and the the past 4 years have encountered racial profiling within our community. It saddens me as I continue to see an outpour of a continuance as now our young adult members of this community now have lost hope of their future because they are constantly are harrassed...as a mother, a Mexican, 1st generation mother there has to be changed to make a better community and unite as 1 not as we/them or us/them but ALL.

Sincerely,

Veronica Campuzano  
805-636-7406

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9+.