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Public Comment-Group 4 #1



From: Madeleine Ignon <mignon@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:45 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments for Board of Supervisors Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice!

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for the following demands put forth by Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara:

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

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- Include
- the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.
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Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

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19. Shooting at moving vehicles

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Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.

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Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

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Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

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(Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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From: Rachel Schmidt <rachelsschmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:53 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Today's racial equality meeting

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Hello SB County Leaders,

Please stop spending our hard earned tax payer dollars on policing and instead put that money towards education!

I agree with the following recommendations:

1) Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

- Include the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.

2) Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

1. Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
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3) Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.

- Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing.

4) Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

5) Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contract their lawyers

6) End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail

7) Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

Be on the right side of history. Be someone your grandkids, great-grandkids talk about when we look back at this time in the future.

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Thank you for your time and effort on this manner. --

Rachel Hammond

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From: Valerie Jaimes <vjaim@sandiego.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:56 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Board of Supervisors Hearing: Racial Equity and Criminal (In)Justice

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Valerie Jaimes, I am a resident in Santa Barbara and would like to express my concerns regarding racial equity in the criminal (in)justice system here locally. It has been shown that multiple members in our community feel that defunding the police and reallocating funds to resources that will support our Black community and other BIPOC communities is the way we will reach "racial equity". In regards to specific points as to how we should change our criminal justice system, I would like to uplift the following demands:

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- this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.
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- (Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)
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As a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara I urge you all on the Board of Supervisors to use your position of power and privilege in hearing what YOUR community needs. It's laid out in detail right in front of you, will you listen and act upon it? Thank you for your time. Best,

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From: Beau Schmidt <beau@ecolawnsb.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:01 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: To whom it may concern, These are some changes that seem very relevant and effective moving forward in a fair and just community. Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct. Include th...

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To whom it may concern,

These are some changes that seem very relevant and effective moving forward in a fair and just community.

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

Include the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds

Require De-escalation

Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

Duty To Intervene

Ban Shooting at moving vehicles

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Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.

Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, Police spending in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.

Thank you for your time,

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From: Sarah A <sarah.m.aspell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment - Please read aloud in meeting 7/16

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 County Supervisors:

I am writing in support of community demands to:

1. Update the Sheriff's Office Use of Force policy to ban Carotid Restraints and shooting at moving vehicles, as well as requiring deputies to intervene when others are using excessive force.
2. Create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct
3. Provide mental health and substance abuse treatment services before arrests.
4. End all plans to construct a new county jail.
5. Terminate all cooperation between ICE and the Sheriff's office.
6. Commit to investing in youth programs
7. Reject all proposals to increase police spending in Goleta and other cities contracting with the Sheriff's Office.

Creating a more restrictive Use of Force policy is necessary as an immediate harm reduction strategy. But these reforms in policy are ultimately toothless without Community Control of the police. Right now, misconduct complaints are reviewed internally, and law enforcement agencies will almost always rule that officers behave reasonably, given the totality of the circumstances.

People with mental health and substance abuse struggles are disproportionately subjected to police violence and arrest. These folks deserve dignity and treatment for their issues, instead of being locked into the cycle of incarceration.

Collaboration with ICE is inhumane and separates families. This must end immediately.

Instead of building a new jail or increasing spending on Sheriff's contracts, funds should be spent on providing adequate care to communities to PREVENT crime and incarceration.

This is an urgent time in our nation's history. I urge the Board of Supervisors to listen to community demands and show compassion by implementing these changes as soon as humanly possible.

Sincerely,
Sarah Aspell

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From: Dana Nguyen <dnguyen@education.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Board of Supervisors Hearing- BLM Demands

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Hi,

I am emailing to voice my support for the BLM SB demands for our community. I am urging you to listen to your community at this crucial time to reexamine how we are investing in our community and how we are putting action behind our words. These are our demands:

1. Commit to investing in youth and de-investing in police.
2. End cooperation between ICE & SB County Sheriff's Dept.
3. Change use of force policies to PRIORITIZE de-escalation
4. Create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept
5. Provide mental health & substance abuse treatment. Prioritize rehab services before arrests. Humane treatment for our inmates, especially so during this time. We don't need more jails. There are better solutions.
6. Disband internal sheriff only investigations & create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

Thank you,
Dana

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From: Jessica Girard <jessica@outliersrecruiting.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice

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Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

- Include the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

1. Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
2. Require De-escalation
3. Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
4. Duty To Intervene
5. Ban Shooting at moving vehicles
6. Require Use Of Force Continuum

Hello,

To the Board of Supervisors PLEASE do the below!

1. Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.

- Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing.

2. Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

3. Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contract their lawyers

4. End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail

5. Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

- Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.
- Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, Police spending in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.

All the best,

Jessica Girard

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From: William quirk <ediblellwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Every one of the points below deserves immediate consideration and action. Across the country, municipalities are making changes to police oversight, use of force and funding. Santa Barbara must be part of this movement which prioritizes community equity, health and wellbeing over criminalization, incarceration and violence. I urge you to take meaningful action today.

Bill Quirk
Goleta

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

Include the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

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Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contract their lawyers

End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail

Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.

Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, Police spending in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.

(Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)

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From: Sofia Grace <sillyme7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Racial Equality & Criminal Justice!

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Hello,

I am a proud resident of Santa Barbara County, and I hope you stand with your citizens in the fight towards racial and criminal justice — today and from now on!

We demand that you commit to investing in youth and de-investing in policing. Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions especially students of color, English learners, and those with disabilities. Do not increase police spending in Goleta.

Please end cooperation between ICE and SB Police Department. Between 2017 and 2018, ICE requested information on 940 inmates and “picked up” or made contact with 449 inmates upon release from the county jail.

Please change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation. 1) Ban chokeholds and strangleholds. 2) Require se-escalation. 3) Require officers to exhaust all alternatives before shooting. 4) Establish a duty to intervene. 5) Ban shooting at moving vehicles. 6) Require use of force continuum.

Create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff’s Department. Systematically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing.

Provide mental health, substance abuse treatment, and rehabilitation services before arrests. Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers. End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail.

Disband internal Sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct. Include the creation of this civilian review board in the contract between Goleta and Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department.

These actions must be taken immediately, please be a part of the solution to put an end to racist policing and police violence.

Sincerely,
Sofia R.
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From: Avery Voos <info@draveryvoos.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comments

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As a clinical psychologist in our community, I stand with the following plea:

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.
Include the creation of this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds

Require De-escalation

Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

Duty To Intervene

Ban Shooting at moving vehicles

Require Use Of Force Continuum

Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.

Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing.

Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contract their lawyers

End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail

Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.

Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.

Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, Police spending in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.

(Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)

Thank you!

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From: Ana Garcia <aggarcia1217@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for 07/16/2020 Board of Supervisors Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice

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Hello, my name is Ana Garcia and I am writing to submit a written public comment for today's meeting. I am not able to attend this meeting live due to scheduling of it during the workday.

I want to express my support for the demands of Healing Justice: BLM SB to disband the internal sheriff-only investigations and to create a civilian review board that is charged with investigating police misconduct. This creation of the Civilian Review Board should be explicitly included in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Departments.

Also, we are demanding that there be change to use of force policies that prioritize de-escalation AND

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- Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
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- Require De-escalation
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- Require Exhaust All Alternatives
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- Require Use Of Force Continuum
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The third demand is to create a standing committee whose charge is to eliminate racist policing policies and practices in practice by the Sheriff's Dept. This committee should also be tasked with helping to implement systemic mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing before arrests are made.

Community related demands include:

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- a financial commit to investing
- in Youth and to de-investing in policing

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- Do not increase police spending in Goleta.
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- At 7.9 million, Police spending
- in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.
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- Provide resources to stop
- racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.
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Finally, the demands related to incarcerated people and Jail facilities:

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- Stop isolating inmates attending
- court or waiting to contract their lawyers
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- End all plans to fund and
- construct a new county jail
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de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Morgan Fredricks <morganfredricks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for Hearing on Racial Justice and Criminal Justice 7/16

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 Morgan Fredricks - I have been a resident of Santa Barbara for 8.5 years and am writing in support of the demands outlined by Juneteenth and Healing Justice: BLM SB. I urge the board to take immediate action on the following items:

- End Cooperation Between SB County Sheriff and ICE. We know that ICE is evil and inhumane. We see it on the news, we hear about it from our fellows. We as a community need to acknowledge that what they do is wrong and protect our community members from ICE.

- Disband internal sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct. I cannot think of a better way to ensure the police are held accountable and performing to the standards dictated by those they are supposed to be serving and protecting. Sheriff Bill Brown will try to tell you that this is unnecessary, that we do not experience misconduct or violence or racism here, and that they hold themselves accountable just fine. IF that is the case, then there should be no fear in creating such a civilian review board. Let us be the judge of the job that is being done. Let us hold these officers, who are funded with our tax dollars, to the standards we wish to see in our communities.

- Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in education. Education can be a preventative factor in crime. Education empowers young people to achieve their dreams and imagine a better world. We are not adequately funding our schools, paying our teachers or funding necessarily mental health resources for youth (and college students, and adults). Please use funds previously allocating to policing for education and youth programs instead.

- Provide mental health substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services before arrest. This should NOT just apply to non-violent crimes as Proposition 36 suggests. We have all seen how police can escalate a non-violent situation into an at times deadly one. I worry that saving this resource for only non-violent offenders does not solve any problems. Please allow all drug-related charges a chance at rehabilitation and fund programs so that scholarships can be provided to those who cannot pay for these programs on their own. As a recovered addict and convict of a violent drug-related crime, I cannot emphasize enough how important rehabilitation is to truly changing these behaviors for the long-run. Lessons are not learned and lives are not changed behind bars.

- If the new jail is indeed "almost done" as Sheriff Brown suggests, and it is going to be a nicer facility than our previous jail, I expect ALL current inmates to be moved to that facility IMMEDIATELY

upon its completion. If that is not the plan then stop funding to the jail because this is a waste of our time and money.

- Stop isolating inmates who are attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers. Isolation is extremely detrimental to mental health. Amir Hall's case is a perfect example of this.

- Create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept. See my points about a civilian review board.

Thank you for your time and prompt actions on these matters.

Sincerely,
Morgan Fredricks

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From: Cathy Stephens <cathystephens751@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:27 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.

Good afternoon. My name is Cathy Stephens and I live in Solvang, CA and I'm writing to you regarding the meeting today and wanted to voice my support of the following initiatives:

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct

Include this Civilian Review Board in the contract between Goleta and Santa Barbara county Sheriff's Department

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation

Ban chokeholds & Strangleholds

Require de-escalation

Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

Duty to Intervene

Ban Shooting at moving vehicles

Require Use of Force Continuum

Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff Department

Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing

Provide Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests

Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers

End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail

Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing

Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, English learners and folks with disabilities. Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, police spending in 2019/2020 accounts for 27% of the city's budget, more than any other city program (Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)

Thank you for your time and attention to these important matters. My hope is that you will implement these initiatives immediately which will lead to a safer, thriving community for everyone.

Sincerely
Cathy Stephens

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Caleb Rodriguez <calrodriguez@westmont.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Racial Equity

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 am a concerned member of the Santa Barbara community. The fact that Santa Barbara pushed out so much of its Black population, experiences such stark wealth segregation, and still has such a lack of consciousness about race is deeply unsettling and quite frankly dangerous. With the attached demands, I hope Santa Barbara can grow to be a place where all are treated with human dignity and value, particularly those in the Black community.

These demands include:

- commit to investing in youth and de-investing in policing (provide resources to stop raia bias and reverse upward trend in student suspension and expulsion especially students of color, english learners, and those with disabilities)
- do not increase police spending in Goleta
- Disband internal sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct (include the creation of this civilian review board in the contract between Goleta and SB County Sheriff's Dept)
- End Cooperation between ICE and SB County Sheriff's Dept
- Change use of force policies to provide de-escalation (ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting, duty to intervene in excessive force and discriminatory behavior, ban shooting at moving vehicles, and require use of force continuum)
- Provide mental health, addiction treatment, and rehabilitation services before arrests
- stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers
- end all plans to fund and construct a new county jail
- create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Department (systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing)

Please consider the above demands with sincerity and follow with action!

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Michaela Ravasio <michaelaravasio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Racial Equity and Criminal Justice Public Comments

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Hello,

I'm a longterm Santa Barbara resident voicing solidarity with the Black Lives Matter leader to significantly defund the police, require full transparency and a civilian review board, de-militarize our police, and address racism as the public health issue that it is.

We also demand you end cooperation with ICE immediately.

As a white woman living in this town, I feel strongly the police are far and away the most dangerous people in our town that make me feel the most unsafe. I have witnessed and heard first hand accounts of unnecessary use of force and police brutality again and again.

This police department is way out of control in abuse of power, you as the elected officials have a duty to serve the PEOPLE not the POLICE. Listen to your community and take action!

We also demand that you:

- Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing - provide resources and training to stop racism in schools
- End cooperation between ICE + SB County Sheriff's Department
- Provide mental health, substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation services BEFORE arrests
- Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers
- End all plans to fund + construct a new county jail
- Full transparency from SB County Sheriff's Dept: release use of force data, law enforcement incomes + racial disparities related to both
- Equip all Goleta Police officers with mandatory body + vehicle cameras (fund these with existing budget without increasing overall police spending)
- Create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the sheriff's dept.
- Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing
- Disband internal sheriff only investigations + create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct

Please followup with me personally to inform me how you plan to address this public health emergency.

Best,
Michaela Ravasio

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From: Irene Cooke <irene.cooke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Criminal Justice and Racial Equity

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Honorable Supervisors:

I am writing to express my support for the demands put forth by Healing Justice: BLMSB and to voice my concern for the County's response in the report submitted for today's hearing.

The last few weeks have raised awareness of the shocking level of militarization in local law enforcement across our country. This is dangerous and unacceptable. It threatens our democracy and is a significant threat to the health and safety of our citizens.

We expect our elected officials to take meaningful action to ensure that law enforcement agencies understand their duty is to Protect and Serve, NOT to treat citizens as military enemies. The demands enumerated by Healing Justice: BLMSB must be addressed with serious reforms.

I am concerned that the report prepared for today's hearing does not address two key demands that have been raised by many concerned citizens across the County: 1) limitations on the sheriff's budget and 2) creation of a citizen review board. These are critical elements of reform and must be included in any plan moving forward. Please do not ignore these important items.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Cooke
Resident of Goleta

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Irene C. Cooke
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Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Progressing Towards Racial Equity and Criminal Justice

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

During your hearing today I hope you take into consideration these comments for actions and ideas that are aimed towards helping redistribute police spending to more necessary community offerings as well as abolishing policies of more aggressive policing.

Commit to investing in Youth Programs with de-invested police funds.

End cooperation between I.C.E and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Change use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation ie. ban chokeholds and require De-Escalation and Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting.

Create a standing civilian committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.

Disband internal sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.

I hope you take all these and more community comments and suggestions into consideration when moving forward with how policing is handled in Santa Barbara. We have a rare opportunity to make a change for the better and be an example for better community based policing for other counties to learn from. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Eric Boesser

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Subject: Public comment for today (7/16) hearing on racial equity & criminal justice

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Hi, the following is a public comment for today's Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice.

As a member of the Santa Barbara community, I demand, first and foremost, that the city divests from policing and reinvests in resources such as after school programs, restorative justice, implicit bias training, mental health services, community programs emphasizing diversity, and more. To this end, the city needs to use racial equity as a lens to bridge the gap between Santa Barbara's low-income communities of color and it's wealthy (mostly white) counterparts. This divestment from SBPD should also include halting all plans to construct a new county jail.

In addition, SBPD must dramatically alter its use of force policies to prioritize de-escalation. This includes banning the use of brutally inhumane chokeholds, strangleholds, and shooting at moving vehicles. Police officers should be required to exhaust all alternatives before deploying their firearm, and again, the priority should be de-escalation. For police officers with a proven record of misconduct and/or excessive use of force, a civilian review board must be created to investigate said individual and eliminate the bias and conflict of interest that is inevitable in an internal, sheriff-only review board.

Lastly, I ask that the Sheriff's Department prioritize the safety, freedom, and unalienable right to liberty of its community members and END cooperation with ICE. Using taxpayer dollars, ICE has committed heinous crimes against humanity, including the torture, rape, killing, and imprisonment of individuals in concentration camps. I urge the Sheriff's Department to protect the public, as they swear under oath to do, by protecting the public from ICE and ending all cooperation with the agency.

Let's build a Santa Barbara that protects the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of *all* of its members by investing our community, rather than punitive and excessively violent enforcement.

Thank you,
Emily Valenzuela

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Subject: Hearing on racial equity and criminal justice

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Hi my name is Katya Tashma-Rapp,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara county and am emailing today to submit a comment for the board meeting I am unable to attend.

My demands are as follows:

- That we disband internal sheriff-only investigations and create a civilian review board to investigate police misconduct.
- That this Civilian Review Board is in the contract between Goleta and S.B. County Sheriffs Dept.
- That the use of force policies are changed to prioritize de-escalation:
 1. Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
 2. Require De-escalation
 3. Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
 4. Duty To Intervene
 5. Ban Shooting at moving vehicles

- Create a standing committee that eliminates racist policing by the Sheriff's Dept.
- Systemically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing.
- Provide Mental Health, Substance abuse treatment and Rehabilitation services before arrests
- Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contract their lawyers.
- End all plans to fund and construct a new county jail
- Commit to investing in Youth and de-investing in policing.
 - Provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsions, especially students of color, english learners and folks with disabilities.

Do not increase police spending in Goleta. At 7.9 million, Police spending in 2019/2020 took up 27% of the city's budget. More than any other city program.

(Source: Goleta Two-Year Budget Plan)

Thank you for taking the time to hear the community's demands. I hope that Santa Barbara continues to move toward helping versus hurting its members.

Sincerely Katya tashma-Rapp