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Public Comment

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It's been 2.5 hours and you still have not opened the floor to public comment, all of this empty jargon is extremely frustrating and offensive.

I'm a longterm Santa Barbara resident voicing solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement to significantly defund the police, require full transparency in police activity, create a civilian review board to end racist policing specifically, to dde -militarize and de-escalate our police force, the most dangerous people in our society and fully addressing ongoing racist police violence as the public health emergency that it is.

We demand you end cooperation with ICE immediately.

- Stop isolating inmates attending court or waiting to contact their lawyers and prioritize health services
- all Police officers be equipped with mandatory body + vehicle cameras (fund these with existing budget without increasing overall police spending)
- Stop dehumanizing and abusing human beings.

As a white woman living in this town, I feel strongly the police are far and away the most dangerous people here that personally make me feel the most unsafe.

I cannot begin to imagine the experience of marginalized people of color who are openly attacked, targeted, incarcerated and dehumanized by the people who are sworn to protect and serve.

You as the elected officials of our community have a duty to serve the PEOPLE not the POLICE. You as the elected officials of our community have a duty to serve the PEOPLE not the POLICE.

Listen to your community and take action. This police force is way out of control in their abuse of power. It's time to limit sheriff bill browns talking time in meetings and not give him unlimited talking and response time with no response from the public.

I have witnessed and heard first hand accounts of unnecessary use of force, police violence and brutality and racism again and again that has no system to hold them accountable

Also, it's time as a town and county to collectively acknowledge the history of the santa barbara mission and the legacy of racist violence that lives on today, to stop glorifying it and publicly acknowledge and apologize for the genocide of the Chumash people and/or others that occured on this land.

Your "data committee" "criminal justice data committee" are echo chambers of white supremacy keeping disadvantaged, marginzalied people unjustly incarcerated.

id be curious if your actively hiring bringing and employing people of color to be on this review board or what the racial diversity is of the current review board, and the other people you are getting "research and data" from to validate ongoing police violence??

Why do you say we don't need review committee structure new one when your people are telling you this is not working for us

Every time you talk about how long or hard you've been "working " on this and how "successful it's been" is **extremely offensive** to the people who are experiencing violence at the hands of police officers everywhere right now

I don't want to your data and statistics or echo chambers of white ignorance. We're asking for a radical shift in your perspective and leadership to move forward in serving your community. We will not be silenced.

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