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Greetings,

Re: File# 00336

On behalf Of Santa Maria Indivisible We are writing in support of Senator Greg Hat's bill SB2257. It is quite obvious that in light of budget overruns and excessive overtime logged by the Sheriff's office that additional oversight is required. Please move Senator Hart's bill forward.

File# 00347

It is an outrage that the Board must use valuable county resources to debate the prohibition of federal officers at polling places. There are already laws in place that prohibit this activity and failure to obey these existing laws are an effort to intimidate voters, and sow chaos at the polls. Please move this agenda item forward.

Sincerely,  
Santa Maria Indivisible

Leadership Team



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# INDIVISIBLE SANTA MARIA

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors;

We would like your support for Assembly Member Gregg Hart's bill AB 2257 giving counties the option to appoint an official other than the Sheriff to operate the county jail system. We are hopeful that you can join other counties who are supporting this effort. We believe it puts more control and transparency in the hands of the County to make these and other decisions regarding the Sheriff's office.

Throughout this past year, we have seen many independent Sheriff's departments taking action and control beyond the will of the voters. There have been major steps, without repercussion, of Sheriff's departments stepping outside the boundaries of their law enforcement duties independent of the County they serve. An example is a sheriff running for our state's governor's race, taking control from county election offices of voter ballots. These ballots from past elections were without County election officials direction and in violation of voter rights.

We believe that checks and balances should exist for all departments at the County level and this bill, begins to assert that in favor of the voter. The role of the County Board of Supervisors through elected officials broadens the assurance that all voices are heard and felt by individual departments., especially the Sheriff's Department. We would urge you to you support AB 2257.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shirlee Heitman, Leadership Team