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Public Comment - Group 5

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From: Mandy Kellogg <mandykellogg22@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Hearing on Racial Equity and Criminal Justice



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Dear SB board of supervisors,

In regards to the hearing on racial equity and criminal justice I want to chime in and reiterate what many in our community are asking for.

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.

Thank you for taking these into consideration.

Mandy Kellogg

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Pratik Raghu <pratikraghu@ucsb.edu>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on racial equity and criminal justice

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Global Studies PhD candidate and Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In the four years that I have lived and worked in Santa Barbara, I have ample opportunities to observe the political and economic gulf between the city and county's wealthy, predominantly white residents and its significantly non-white underclass. I have seen this divide shape the lives of the largely Latinx youth who live in my Goleta neighborhood, the various students of color I have taught at UCSB, and the houseless people I serve as a volunteer with Food Not Bombs in Isla Vista and whom I have seen taking public transit for most of my time here.

I have also witnessed--and been appalled by--the concerted efforts of Santa Barbara's state authorities to address this gap through the criminal justice system. The everpresent prospect of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids has left undocumented and even documented but racially marginalized residents living in constant fear. The hyper-policing of virtually all parts of the City of Santa Barbara has reinforced this atmosphere of fear, in no small part because the city and county's carceral institutions threaten to disappear human beings and destroy lives for even the most minor infractions. To allow this violent precarity to persist as the most marginalized members of our community struggle to come to terms with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic is nothing short of malicious.

I therefore call upon you to end cooperation between ICE and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department; to commit to investing in youth and divesting from policing; to provide mental health, substance abuse treatment, and other rehabilitative services in the place of policing and incarceration; and to end all plans to fund and construct a new county jail.

I urge you to do your part to cultivate a city and a county that guarantee the well-being of all instead of a select few by ending the punishment of poverty through various forms of institutional violence.

Sincerely,

Pratik Raghu

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From: Alice Freire <afarrenfreire@gmail.com>
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Subject: comment for the hearing on racial equity and criminal justice!

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I am here to voice my concerns and my judgement on the matter of the hearing today. The city of Santa Barbara has a long way to go in making our community more supportive, understanding, and compassionate. Santa Barbara is a community that plays host to many racist people and institutions, and these need to be done away with.

To do better by our community, especially those who are BIPOC, you must listen to what we have to say and ACTIVELY implement the changes that are necessary.

They are as follows:

End cooperation between ICE and the SB County Sheriff's Dept.

- SB is a place that many many latinx people call home and they deserve to live a safe life here. ICE is a terrorist-adjacent organization that wants nothing more than to terrorize, demonize, and damage hispanic and latinx people. We should want nothing whatsoever to do with this horrible and corrupt thing. Between 2017 and 2018, ICE requested info on 940 inmates and "picked up" or made contact with 449 inmates upon release from the county jail.

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

- internal police misconduct investigations are notoriously corrupt, as are the police/sheriff organizations/depts. in the first place. The creation of this civilian review board must be included in the contract between Goleta and SB County Sheriff's Dept.

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

- the MOST important step that must be taken in making SB an anti-racist and Black-supporting city is defunding the police and investing in community endeavors and the youth! it is so obvious and so important. We need to provide resources to stop racial bias and reverse the upward trend in student suspension and expulsion, especially with students of color, english learners, and those with disabilities, physical AND mental. We MUST NOT increase spending for the police budget, IT DOES NOT NEED IT! At \$7.9 million, police spending in 2019-2020 took up 27% of the city's budget, more than any other city program!

Provide mental health and 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

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

- we need to systematically implement mental health services, housing, rehabilitation, and aspects of community policing

These steps are vital to making SB a city that can pride itself on its racial equity and a better criminal justice system. Do not pass these off as ludicrous or outlandish. These are tangible, possible, realistic, and NECESSARY steps. Please listen and think critically and consciously about your decisions.

Thank you,
Alice