



**Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach  
**August 1, 2022**

**In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the August 1, 2022 Community Advisory Council meeting was held virtually.**

**PRESENT**

Council Members: Lorena Barrera, Max Pearl, Nancy Pemberton, Tom Rose, Nathan Solomon, Evan Zelig

IOLERO Staff: Garrick Byers, Interim Director; Melanie Griffin, Programs Manager;

SCSO: Lt. Brandon Cutting

Members of the Public: 33 members of the public attended via ZOOM.

Absent: Councilmembers Bailey, Estrada, and Flores

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Roll Call**

Facilitated by CAC Chair Evan Zelig and Vice Chair Lorena Barrera

- Agenda Review
- Public Comment: No members of the public addressed the council.
- Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2022 meeting  
Motion to approve: Councilmember Pearl  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Pemberton  
Vote:  
Ayes: Barrera, Pearl, Pemberton, Rose, Solomon, Zelig.  
Absent: Bailey, Estrada, Flores.

**2. Correspondence Items**

- The Council discussed an email received this afternoon from Jim Duffy in which Mr. Duffy requested that the Council call a special meeting to discuss the July 29<sup>th</sup> shooting death of a civilian by a Sonoma County Sheriff's deputy near Geyserville. The Council discussed Mr. Duffy's suggestion and his suggestion that the Chair draft a letter on behalf of the Council to the California Attorney General to request that they open an investigation into this shooting, pursuant to AB 1506, which mandates that the Attorney General investigate any incident of an officer-involved shooting resulting in the death of an unarmed civilian. Lt. Cutting clarified the Chief's Protocol, which allows another agency to conduct the investigation of an officer-involved shooting or in-custody death. This other agency reports to the Department of

Justice, who has the ultimate authority as to whether they will conduct further investigation. The Council weighed in about their views on calling a special meeting, waiting for more information, and adding an action item to the September meeting agenda. Chair Zelig declined to call the special meeting at this time.

- Public Comment: 9 members of the public addressed the Council.

### **3. Interim Director's Report**

- Interim Director Byers reported that the hiring of a permanent director is still on track for an appointment by the Board of Supervisors later in August or early September. He also reported that the Community Engagement analyst is still in the hiring process, with the background investigation expected to be complete next week. The Operational Agreement between IOLERO and the Sheriff's Office has been signed and will be posted to the IOLERO webpage soon.
- Public Comment: 3 members of the public addressed the Council.

### **4. Further Explanation of MOU Negotiations Related to Measure P (Richard Bolanos, Attorney at Law, Guest Speaker)**

- Mr. Bolanos explained the negotiation process behind the Letters of Agreement Between Sonoma County and the labor unions. He explained that all provisions invalidated by the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) have been put back into effect and IOLERO is fully powered to implement all provisions of Measure P. He addressed concerns expressed by the public about IOLERO's authority to receive and investigate whistleblower complaints, conduct independent investigations, and access Sheriff's Office personnel files. Mr. Bolanos answered questions from the panel, including about the current status of the court case surrounding the PERB decision. The unions have not agreed to withdraw their complaint and the PERB has taken the complaint to the California Supreme Court. If it is denied at the Supreme Court, the labor groups intend to appeal.
- Public Comment: 14 members of the public addressed the Council.

### **5. Approval of Letter to Board of Supervisors Regarding MOU's**

- The Council reviewed and discussed a letter drafted by Councilmember Pemberton on behalf of the Council, to express concerns about the Letters of Agreement between the County of Sonoma and various labor unions and their impact on Measure P.
- Public Comment: 5 members of the public addressed the Council.
- Motion to approve: Councilmember Rose  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Pemberton  
Vote:  
Ayes: Barrera, Pearl, Pemberton, Rose, Solomon, Zelig.  
Absent: Bailey, Estrada, Flores.

### **6. Community Advisory Council Ad Hoc Reports**

- Community Engagement: Councilmember Rose reported that he and Councilmember Flores worked an event this past Saturday in Healdsburg and were able to give out literature and many giveaway items.
- Extremism in Policing: Councilmember Solomon reported on his participation in the Sheriff's Office simulator training and said that other members are arranging their own participation in this training.

- Policy Recommendation Review and Update: Councilmember Rose got a lot of new material from Lt. Cutting and is drafting a memo regarding jail policies. He also reported that the ad hoc is moving forward on reviewing the uniform policy.
- Public Comment: 1 member of the public addressed the Council.

## **7. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

- Items suggested as future agenda items included:
  - An update on the officer-involved shooting in Geyserville.
  - Any feedback from Board of Supervisors on the letter regarding the Letters of Agreement with the labor unions.
  - A discussion of language used in press releases and incident reports.
- Public Comment: 6 members of the public addressed the Council.

## **8. Public Comment for items not appearing on the agenda**

1 member of the public addressed the Council.

## **9. Closing – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00pm via ZOOM.