



Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach
October 3, 2022

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the October 3, 2022 Community Advisory Council meeting was held virtually.

PRESENT

Council Members: Marcy Flores, Max Pearl, Nancy Pemberton, Tom Rose, Nathan Solomon, Evan Zelig

IOLERO Staff: John Alden, Director; Melanie Griffin, Programs Manager; Lizett Camacho, Community Engagement Manager

SCSO: Lt. Sean Jones; Lt. Andy Cash

Members of the Public: 25 members of the public attended via ZOOM.

Absent: Councilmembers Bailey and Barrera

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 – September 12, 2022 meeting
Motion to approve: Councilmember Pearl
2nd: Councilmember Rose
Vote:
Ayes: Flores, Pearl, Pemberton, Rose, Solomon
Abstain: Zelig
Absent: Bailey, Barrera

2. Correspondence Items

- Chair Zelig reviewed two items of correspondence, one being the resignation of Councilmember Estrada, which Chair Zelig read into the record. The second item of correspondence is a copy of a letter from District Attorney Ravitch to the State Attorney General regarding the fatal shooting of David Palaez-Chavez by a Sonoma County Deputy.
- Public Comment: 1 member of the public addressed the Council.

3. Director's Report

- Director Alden reported on the NACOLE conference and the importance of the training and networking available at the conference. He advised the public and the CAC members that there are trainings available on the NACOLE website. He also reported on hiring plans for the office. Director Alden discussed implementation of Measure P, including investigation of whistleblower complaints and plans to build out a process for receiving such complaints. The Sheriff's Office has started work on infrastructure so that the Director can view investigative interviews. Director Alden continues to work with parties in the County to address the other concerns expressed by the CAC and the public about Measure P implementation. He also discussed issues raised by Councilmember Estrada's resignation letter and invited the CAC to offer ideas for addressing those issues.
- Public Comment: 1 member of the public addressed the Council.

4. Introduction of New IOLERO Community Engagement Manager

- Chair Zelig introduced Ms. Camacho, who offered some information about her background. Members of the CAC members, the public, and IOLERO staff, welcomed Ms. Camacho and also thanked her for her great work putting together the outreach table at the recent LandPaths Harvest Festival.
- Public Comment: 6 members of the public addressed the Council.

5. Follow up on Correspondence addressed to and copied to Board of Supervisors

- Chair Zelig reported that there has been no official response to the CAC's letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Letters of Agreement or the CAC's letter to the State Attorney General requesting an independent investigation into the fatal shooting of David Palaez-Chavez, on which the Board was copied. Director Alden commented that the Board and others in the County have been responsive to him in conversations regarding the CAC's concerns. Councilmember Pemberton also reported that County Administrator Bratton assured her that they were paying attention and that they had been waiting for Director Alden to be onboard at IOLERO and return from the NACOLE conference. Chair Zelig will be meeting with Supervisor Gore to discuss these issues.
- Public Comment: 2 members of the public addressed the Council.

6. Discussion re: appointment of liaison to follow up with Board of Supervisors on action items and correspondence

- The panel discussed options for making sure there is follow-up with the Board in regard to correspondence and action items, including appointing one member as liaison for these specific instances. Appointees would still be responsible for communicating with their appointing Supervisor regarding individual concerns.
- Public Comment: 3 members of the public addressed the Council.
- Chair Zelig asked if there was a motion to approve an independent CAC liaison with the Board of Supervisors. Councilmember Rose moved to approve, however, there was no second of the motion and it was not presented for vote.
- Chair Zelig asked if there was a motion to approve the Chair and/or Vice Chair to act as the liaison to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Pemberton

2nd: Councilmember Pearl

Vote:

Ayes: Flores, Pearl, Pemberton, Rose, Solomon, Zelig

Absent: Bailey, Barrera

7. Community Advisory Council Ad Hoc Reports

- Community Engagement: Councilmember Rose reported on the LandPaths event, that lots of people came to the table and heard about the work of IOLERO and the CAC.
- Extremism in Policing: Councilmember Solomon reported that they have not met recently, as they were waiting for some information from Lt. Cutting and then the change in Sheriff's Office liaison has caused delay. They will forward the information request to Lt. Cash.
- Policy Recommendation Review and Update: Councilmember Rose reported that the ad hoc has had a lot of communication with the Sheriff's Office liaisons regarding jail policies. They are hoping to schedule a presentation for the November meeting agenda to have someone from the jail present on policies and recent changes. Regarding the Sheriff's uniform policy, Councilmember Rose reported the committee is waiting to hear from the Sheriff and/or IOLERO as to whether or not there was a violation of the uniform policy during a recent campaign. If the findings are no violation, then the committee wants to look at possible wording changes in the policy, though the language is standard to many counties in California.
- Public Comment: No members of the public addressed the Council.

8. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Items suggested as future agenda items included:
 - Presentation of jail policies, specifically out of jail activities policies.
- Public Comment: No members of the public addressed the Council.

9. Public Comment for items not appearing on the agenda

No members of the public addressed the Council.

10. Closing – Adjournment

Chair Zelig announced a special meeting of the CAC on Thursday, October 6 at 6:00pm, to be held in person at Hotel E in Santa Rosa, for a welcome reception for Director Alden. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00pm via ZOOM.