



**Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach  
**May 2, 2022**

**In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the May 2, 2022 Community Advisory Council meeting was held virtually.**

**PRESENT**

Council Members: Lorez Bailey, 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

Guest: Petra Bruggisser, County Counsel

Absent: Dora Estrada, Marcy Flores, Nzinga Woods

Members of the Public: 24 members of the public attended via ZOOM.

**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 – March 7, 2022 meeting  
Motion to approve: Councilmember Rose  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Pearl  
Vote:  
Ayes: Councilmembers Bailey, Barrera, Pearl, Pemberton, Rose, Solomon, and Zelig  
Absent: Councilmembers Estrada, Flores, and Woods

**2. Review of April Sheriff Candidate Forum**

- Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to members Barrera, Bailey, and Rose for planning and moderating the forum. The panel also shared that they felt the forum went very well, with excellent questions asked of the candidates.
- Public Comment: 4 members of the public addressed the Council.

**3. Interim Director's Report**

- Interim Director Byers reported that a new full-time attorney has been hired and will come onboard in May. Also, he has made a conditional offer to a Community Engagement Analyst and is hopeful that this person will be able to start by the end of June. Mr. Byers also reported that the backlog of cases for audit is down to five cases. Meanwhile, he is excited to be returning focus to the Community-Oriented Policing Program and to have the support of the Sheriff's Office in continuing the work of bringing this program to the community. Mr. Byers made his budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Public Comment: 3 members of the public addressed the Council.

#### **4. Website Requests and Concerns**

- The Council discussed their concerns regarding changes to the IOLERO webpage as a result of the County's recent switch to a new content management system and made recommendations as to changes IOLERO staff could make to the page to make information easier to find.
- Public Comment: 5 members of the public addressed the Council

#### **5. Discussion of Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Policy 707 Military Equipment as it Relates to AB 481**

- Deputy County Counsel Petra Bruggisser and Lt. Cutting presented information on Assembly Bill 481, which passed in September of 2021 and provides transparency as to a law enforcement agency's military equipment inventory. The purpose of Policy 707 is to, "provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment," and must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The policy is in draft format and will be presented and recommended to the Board of Supervisors at their May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lt. Cutting explained that the Sheriff's Office will have to provide a report every year to the Board of Supervisors about any new requested equipment and use of existing equipment. Additionally, he explained that at the end of the first year and every year thereafter, there will have to be a public hearing which allows for community input prior to the Board report. Lt. Cutting read the list of equipment listed in the related government code and indicated which of those types of equipment the Sheriff's Office currently has. The policy is available on the Sheriff's Office website. Lt. Cutting also presented information about other policies and required training related to use of equipment especially related to crowd control situations.
- Public Comment: 7 members of the public addressed the Council.

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

- Community Engagement: no report, as both committee members were absent.
- Extremism in Policing: Member Solomon reported that they have not been able to meet in the past month.
- Policy Recommendation Review and Update: Chair Zelig asked Lt. Cutting about status of written responses from the Sheriff's Office regarding some of the Council's recommendations. The committee is interested in jail policies
- Public Comment – no members of the public addressed the Council.

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

3 members of the public addressed the Council.

#### **8. Closing – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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