

IOLERO AD HOC CHARTER

BACKGROUND

On June 23, 2020, the Board took action to formally support Assembly Bill 1185 (AB-1185), a State bill that would authorize counties to establish sheriff oversight boards and vest those boards with certain powers to ensure they could perform their duties and amended the County's Legislative Platform to add a Police Accountability and Transparency Issue to allow the County to take a position on legislation related to police accountability, training, and transparency that arises during the term. In addition, the Board directed the Chair to appoint an ad hoc committee to explore possible amendments to the IOLERO ordinance and other related policy reforms that can be made locally while legislating within the limitations imposed by the California Constitution and the Government Code.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the IOLERO Ad Hoc is to explore possible amendments to the IOLERO ordinance and other related policy changes to increase law enforcement transparency and accountability, while continuing to build the public trust in County government in general and law enforcement in particular. As part of this charge, the Ad Hoc will receive input from the Sheriff's Office and the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) on the nature and scope of any proposed amendments to the IOLERO ordinance, and will solicit input from stakeholders—including our public agency partners—and community members.

It is anticipated that the IOLERO Ad Hoc will work in phases with, at a minimum, _____ study sessions with the full Board.

Phase 1 [July 15—September 15]: Coordinate and engage with City partners, community members, and community groups. Direct County Counsel to complete independent review of the proposed Evelyn Cheatham IOLERO Ordinance (the "Evelyn Cheatham Measure"). Request the Sheriff and IOLERO Director develop a list of amendments to the existing IOLERO Ordinance (Sonoma County Code Chapter 2, Article XXVII) for consideration, which may include provisions contained in the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative. Discuss additional budget needs for IOLERO to perform audit functions at department budget workshops on July 27-28, 2020. Develop a list of priority amendments to the IOLERO ordinance and other possible policy reforms. Present findings and recommendations from these community workshops to full Board for consideration and direction at the Regular Board Meeting on September 22, 2020.

Anticipated Phase 2 [September 23 – October 20]: Based on input received at the September 22, 2020 Board meeting, draft amendments to IOLERO ordinance. Coordinate and work with County departments, partner agencies, and community stakeholders to finalize proposed changes and present to full Board for introduction and adoption by mid to late October).

Anticipated Phase 3 [November—December]: Stakeholder and community meetings on any further policy reforms and plans; develop final recommendations to for Board consideration.

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Chair Susan Gorin

- Vice Chair Lynda Hopkins

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF PROVIDING SUPPORT

Elected Officials

- Sheriff Mark Essick

Staff

- County Administrator's Office
- County Counsel
- IOLERO Director Karlene Navarro