



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 6, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Calling a Special Election to Submit to the Voters of Sonoma County a Proposed Ordinance Entitled “The Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance an Ordinance of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Repealing and Replacing Article XXVII, Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO), Community Advisory Council (CAC), of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Sonoma County Code;” and Ordering that the Special Election be Consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be Conduction on November 3, 2020.

Whereas, in 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) created the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) in response to the findings and recommendations of the Community and Local Law Enforcement (CALLE) Task Force to provide independent oversight of the Sheriff’s Office; and

Whereas, George Floyd’s death sparked protests across the world and forced local government and law enforcement agencies across this nation to revisit their policies and practices to provide greater transparency and accountability for government and law enforcement; and

Whereas, on June 23, 2020, the Board expressed interest I revisiting and strengthening the ordinance establishing IOLERO to provide greater independence and oversight; and

Whereas, proponents of the Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance (Evelyn Cheatham Initiative) had been gathering signatures since last November to place the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative on the November 2020 ballot; and

Whereas, those efforts were impeded by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proponents have urged the Board to place the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative on the ballot; and

Whereas, the Board has carefully reviewed the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative and heard from the public at duly noticed public meetings on July 23, 2020, August 4, 2020, and August 6, 2020; and

Whereas, the proposed Evelyn Cheatham Initiative was also independently reviewed by the Community Advisory Council (CAC) of IOLERO at a Community Forum held August 3, 2020; and

Whereas, following the August 3, 2020 Community Forum, the CAC recommended that the Board place the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative on the November ballot with some amendments recommended by the Director of IOLERO; and

Whereas, the Board reviewed the amendments proposed by the Director of IOLERO at its August 4, 2020 meeting and directed staff to incorporate those amendments and a provision that would allow the Board to make future amendments to the ordinance under certain limited circumstances; and

Whereas, staff worked closely with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC and the Director of IOLERO to incorporate the amendments proposed by the Director; and

Whereas, the Board reviewed the amended Evelyn Cheatham Initiative at its August 6, 2020 Special Meeting; and

Whereas, the Board desires at this time to order an election to be held on November 3, 2020, in the County of Sonoma for the purpose of submitting the Evelyn Cheatham Initiative to the voters.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 12001, 10400, and 9140, the Board of Supervisors hereby calls a special election for November 3, 2030, on the proposed measure to repeal and replace Article XXVII of Title 2 of the Sonoma County Code establishing IOLERO.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby orders that said election of the measure shall be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on that date.

3. The measure shall be submitted to the voters in the following form:

“In order to increase law enforcement transparency and accountability and to build the public trust in County government and the Sheriff’s Office, shall Article XXVII of Title 2 of the Sonoma County Code be repealed and replaced by this measure to expand the oversight authority and independence of the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) to investigate Sheriff-related issues, revise and expand the duties and powers of the Community Advisory Council, compel production of records and witnesses, and review IOLERO’s performance of its duties?”	Yes
	No

4. As required by law, the full text of the measure shall be printed in the information pamphlet distributed to voters. The full text of the measure is entitled "The Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance," and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. The County Clerk is hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to provide and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment, and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct an election.

6. The County Clerk is hereby further directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to provide the necessary election officers, polling places, and voting precincts.

7. In accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code, the County Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure and the Auditor is directed to prepare a fiscal analysis.

8. The polls for said election shall be open during the hours required by law and said election, with respect to the foregoing ballot measure, shall be held and conducted as provided by law for the holding of County initiative elections.

9. Notice of time and place of holding said election, together with any other notices required by law, shall be given by the County Clerk.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.