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**CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

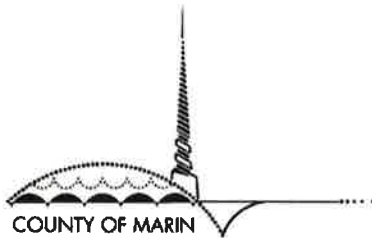
**Community Correspondence**

**June – August 2025**

**From:** [Dennis Rodoni](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Cc:** [Fernando Barreto](#); [Morgan Patton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sheriff's Office BOS Community Engagement Updates [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Monday, June 2, 2025 10:15:09 AM  
**Attachments:**

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Just an FYI.



**Dennis Rodoni** (he/him)  
Supervisor District 4

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**From:** No-Reply <No-ReplyOld@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 1, 2025 8:35 PM  
**To:** Dennis Rodoni <Dennis.Rodoni@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Sheriff's Office BOS Community Engagement Updates [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]

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To: Dennis Rodoni

From: David Lerch

Sender's

Email

Address:

Subject: Sheriff's Office BOS Community Engagement Updates

Message: The Board should consider having annual or quarterly updates by the Sheriff's Office regarding community engagement. Board meetings provide an open forum, accessible to the public, with an agenda, and an opportunity for: (1) community members and organizations to ask the Sheriff's Office questions; and (2) regular updates to the Board so they can gauge efforts by the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office may already report to the Board on budget items or for settlement authority but a recurring update would provide a chance to connect the Sheriff's Office, the Board, and the public .

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**From:** [Sackett, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 6:03:35 PM

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**From:** No-Reply <No-ReplyOld@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 4, 2025 11:19:59 AM  
**To:** Sackett, Mary <Mary.Sackett@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]

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**Email To:** [Mary.Sackett@MarinCounty.gov](mailto:Mary.Sackett@MarinCounty.gov)  
**Hosted Page:** <https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/board/district-1>  
**To:** Mary Sackett  
**From:** David Lerch  
**Sender's Email Address:**  
**Subject:** Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office  
**Message:** The Board of Supervisors should consider ways to maintain a culture of democracy - i.e. inclusion and decision-making by the community as a whole, and consultation in Marin.

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emphasize diversity and community. The Marin County Sheriff's Office website conveys a militaristic message - joint community fundraisers, meetings with the community, information about community projects are not featured, and instead the emphasis is on SUVs, planes, the dive patrol, and enforcement. This does not align with the views of voters in Marin County, and it build barriers to engagement with disadvantaged groups, rather than building structures to encompass these groups in decision-making.

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**From:** [Sackett, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#); [Gary Besser](#); [Jamillah Jordan](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Sheriff's Oversight Board - Immigration and the Sheriff's Office's Coordination with ICE [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Monday, June 23, 2025 7:43:50 AM

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David is a regular writer to the board, and has some good ideas. I'll forward as they come in. No action needed. Food for thought.

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**From:** No-Reply <No-ReplyOld@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 22, 2025 7:55 PM  
**To:** Sackett, Mary <Mary.Sackett@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Sheriff's Oversight Board - Immigration and the Sheriff's Office's Coordination with ICE [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]

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To: Mary Sackett  
From: David Lerch  
Sender's Email Address:  
Subject: Sheriff's Oversight Board - Immigration and the Sheriff's Office's Coordination with ICE

Message: The Board of Supervisors should start working with the newly selected members of the Oversight Board on issues such as immigration even before the Board is finalized. The Oversight Board members may want to consider both: (1) the Sheriff's Office's existing policies for working with ICE; (2) contingencies for how the Sheriff's Office would react to different requests from large-scale action by ICE ; and (3) policies that the Sheriff's Office could put into place now, before any large-scale ICE action. The newly appointed Board members could address these issues in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors and community forums.

**From:** [Sackett, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Taser Incidents - Marin County Police Departments [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2025 3:32:42 PM

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**From:** No-Reply <No-Reply@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sackett, Mary <Mary.Sackett@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Taser Incidents - Marin County Police Departments [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]

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To: Mary Sackett

From: David Lerch

Sender's

Email

Address:

Subject: Taser Incidents - Marin County Police Departments

Message: The Board of Supervisors may want to coordinate with the new Sheriff's Oversight Board to examine policies regarding taser use based on taser incidents, including a recent and past incident:

<https://abc7news.com/post/bay-area-couple-files-lawsuit-against-central-marin-police-authority-for-assaulting-unlawfully-arresting-husband-having-seizure/14611593/>

<https://abc7news.com/post/man-sues-marin-sheriff-after-being-tased-at-home/7911/>

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**From:** [Stephanie MoultonPeters](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Cc:** [Sackett, Mary](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re COC input re Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Friday, July 11, 2025 3:44:56 PM

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Stephanie  
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**From:** No-Reply <No-ReplyOld@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 4, 2025 11:23 AM  
**To:** Stephanie MoultonPeters <Stephanie.MoultonPeters@MarinCounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]

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**To:** Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
**From:** David Lerch  
**Sender's Email Address:**  
**Subject:** Culture of Democracy in Marin - Sheriff's Office  
**Message:**

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**From:** [David Lerch](#)  
**To:** [Jamillah Jordan](#)  
**Cc:** [Petersen, Ryan](#); [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** Re: San Rafael Police Department - Civil Rights and Community Initiatives  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2025 10:43:39 PM

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Messaging and website design definitely influences whether people in disadvantaged groups (i.e. immigrants, those with less wealth) are comfortable in reaching out to the police for help in their communities - particularly, given that many people first look online before reaching out to an organization.

San Rafael has a population of about 60,000 and Novato has a population of about 50,000. The police departments in both of these communities are proactively working to promote messages of inclusion and diversity (i.e. diversity of ideas, approaches, and experiences), and it would be valuable for other police departments in Marin County (i.e. the Marin County Sheriff's Office, Ross police department) to look at how these community programs (including homelessness and policing programs in San Rafael) are working.

Given the messaging and policies from the current Administration, it is particularly important for local law enforcement to embrace a diversity of idea and approaches, coordinate with the Marin County Office of Equity, and include all Marin County stakeholders in decision-making.

On Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM Jamillah Jordan <[Jamillah.Jordan@marincounty.gov](mailto:Jamillah.Jordan@marincounty.gov)> wrote:

David,

Thank you for sharing the San Rafael example.

We'll share this with MCSO and the staff leading the County's [Civilian Oversight](#) work.

Much appreciated,  
Jamillah

  
**Jamillah Jordan** ([she/her](#))  
EQUITY DIRECTOR

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**From:** David Lerch  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2025 5:33 PM  
**To:** Jamillah Jordan <[Jamillah.Jordan@MarinCounty.gov](mailto:Jamillah.Jordan@MarinCounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** San Rafael Police Department - Civil Rights and Community Initiatives

Jamillah,

The Marin County Office of Equity may want to commend the San Rafael Police Department on its community initiatives and joint outreach with other San Rafael city departments, including highlighting a homelessness initiative on the police website ("Supporting Our Unhoused Community") and an overview of the city's Police Advisory and Accountability Committee, included on the website:

<https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/policinginsanrafael/>

The Office may also want to recommend that the San Rafael Police Department provide presentations and trainings to other police organizations in Marin County as to how it has implemented community and civil rights initiatives, including both challenges and benefits. San Rafael and Novato are the two largest cities in Marin County, so they have invested heavily in these programs, but it is beneficial for other organizations to also do the same.

Dave

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**From:** [No-Reply](#)  
**To:** [Linn Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Support and empower civilian oversight commission [SENT FROM A PUBLIC FORM]  
**Date:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 11:02:06 AM

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To: Linn Walsh  
From: Jocelyn Delgado  
Sender's Email Address:  
Subject: Support and empower civilian oversight commission  
Message: Hi Executive Walsh,

I work with Sivil to support civilian oversight agencies across the U.S. in streamlining their case and forms management processes, while also supporting efforts to strengthen trust and transparency with the community. I currently partner with cities like Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Long Beach, and I'd welcome the opportunity to support your office as well!

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Add an Attachment: [Sivil - One Pager.pdf](#)