



**Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO)  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)  
Public Meeting Agenda  
October 2, 2024 6:00 p.m.  
Finley Community Center  
2060 W. College Avenue  
Manzanita Room  
Santa Rosa, CA. 95401**

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- Should fall under the subject matter jurisdiction of the CAC (as noted in the founding documents).
- Are time-limited. Time limitations are at the discretion of the Director and Chair and may be adjusted to accommodate all speakers.

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## **Agenda**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

### **2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

### **3. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Chair will report on current openings and appointments. If you are interested in applying for the current vacancy please visit: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/boardsandcommissions>

#### **A. Current Vacancy:**

- District 2

**4. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

The Chair will report on correspondence items received from members of the public and relevant to CAC business.

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ORAL REPORT ONLY)**

A. NACOLE Conference details

**6. SHERIFF'S LIAISON REPORT (ORAL REPORT ONLY)**

**7. PRESENTATIONS: NONE**

**8. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Court Decision and Findings Regarding IOLERO's Subpoena Power While Investigating Whistleblower Complaints

**9. ADJOURNMENT TO START AD HOC COMMITTEES WORKING MEETINGS**

The CAC will adjourn for a 30-minute recess for each ad hoc committees to conduct business. The public is free to stay and listen. As these are ad hoc working meetings, no official public comment period will be held. Access to these working sessions is not available on Zoom.

**10. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

**11. CAC COMMITTEE REPORTS (ORAL REPORTS)**

Councilmembers to provide verbal reports and/or updates on the work being conducted by their committees. There are no written reports for these items.

A. Community Engagement

B. Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)

C. Policy Recommendations Review (Canine)  
Canine Town Hall Updates

**12. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

This section is intended for items not appearing on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CAC. Please state your name and who you represent, if applicable. Comments will be limited at the discretion of the chairs based on number of comments and other factors.

**13. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**14. CAC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmembers may provide oral announcements on things related to CAC business.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Community Advisory Council will be Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 6:00pm

The in-person/hybrid meeting will be at the following location:

**Location:  
Finley Community Center  
2060 W. College Avenue  
Manzanita Room  
Santa Rosa, CA. 95401**

**Commitment to Civil Engagement**

All are encouraged to engage in respectful, non-disruptive communication that supports freedom of speech and values diversity of opinion. We, the members of the CAC, have adopted a list of norms referred to as our “Designed Team Alliance”, which describes the way we want to show-up and be in community while modeling collaborative behavior. We request that CAC members, staff, and the public follow the CAC’s agreed upon norms, which are:

- Be tough on the topic not on people
- Respect all participants in the meeting
- Respect others’ perspective, even when you disagree
- Respect each other’s time
- Stay within the meeting’s time and content parameters
- Practice active listening
- Listen with an open mind to all information, including dissenting points of view
- Speak to others as you would like to be spoken to
- Allow others to speak without comment or intrusive sounds
- Honor freedom of speech
- Call each other “in”





**Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach  
**September 4, 2024**

**Members of the public and CAC members attended this meeting in person/online hybrid format. September 4, 2024 Community Advisory Council meeting was held hybrid in person and via zoom.**

**PRESENT**

Council Members: Lorena Barrera, Nathan Solomon, Nancy Pemberton, Imelda Martinez De Montano, John Azevedo, George Valenzuela, Trevor Ward, Darnell Bowen (arrived at 6:05p), Robin Jurs (arrived at 6:12p)

IOLERO Staff: Sylvia Valencia Guido, Administrative Coordinator, Lizett Camacho, Community Engagement Manager

Members of the Public: 3 members of the public attended via Zoom. 3 members attended in person.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff's Liaison, Lt. Sean Jones

Absent: Casey Jones, John Alden, IOLERO Director

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

**AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was facilitated by CAC Chair Barrera. Council members introduced themselves to the public.

**2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

A. Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Councilmember Pemberton

2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Solomon

Vote:

Ayes: Barrera, Solomon, Valenzuela, Bowen, Ward, Pemberton

Abstain: Bowen, Jurs, Martinez De Montano

Absent: Jones

Motion carries.

### **3. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Chair will report on current openings and appointments. If you are interested in applying for the current vacancy please visit: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/boardsandcommissions>

A. We continue to have the following vacancy:

- District 2

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

Chair Barrera announced there were no correspondence items to be shared.

### **5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Alden was absent, however Vice Chair Pemberton reported that the court hearing regarding the IOLERO Subpoena litigation was scheduled for Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the Empire School of Law court offices, department 17. The hearing will be open to the public.

### **6. SHERIFF'S LIAISON REPORT**

Lt. Jones invited the CAC members to participate in the Sheriff's Office simulator activity. CAC members shared their past experiences with the simulator. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) will be hosting a town hall on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sonoma Police Department. Everyone is invited.

Public comment: no member of the public addressed the CAC.

### **7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Discussed possible action regarding Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. Councilmember Solomon reported on the 2 recommendations that the committee proposed. If adopted, the recommendations will be sent to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. More details are included in the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda packet which can be found on the website.

CAC members asked questions and provided comments.

Motion to approve the Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Ad Hoc report:

Councilmember Valenzuela

2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Jurs

Vote:

Ayes: Barrera, Pemberton, Ward, Valenzuela, Solomon, Jurs, Azevedo, Bowen

Abstain: Martinez De Montano

Absent: Jones

Motion carries.

Public comment: 1 member of the public addressed the CAC.

## **8. CAC AD HOC REPORTS**

Chairs of each ad hoc reported on the work of their committees.

**A. Community Engagement:** The ad hoc met with the Policy Recommendations Review Ad Hoc (Canine) and discussed the proposed town hall. Will defer the report to that ad hoc. Open letter regarding the Subpoena litigation was published as a Close to Hope op-ed in the Press Democrat.

**B. Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA):** Ad hoc met last on August 22. The next steps are to take a deeper dive into the RIPA data and look at different strategies to continue the work. Next ad hoc meeting is Sept 12.

**C. Recruitment and Hiring Practices:** Work is complete and ad hoc is dissolved.

**D. Policy Recommendations Review (Canine):** The ad hoc is working on a proposed town hall regarding canine policies. Goal of the town hall is to educate the community on canine policies. Town hall is planned for 2 hours (hybrid) on a Saturday morning in October. Lizett Camacho is working on finding an appropriate space for this 2- hour town hall.

## **9. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment: 1 member of the public addressed the CAC.

## **10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Update on issues having to do with the MADF
2. 2025 CAC retreat planning discussion

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

IOLERO events taking place in September are also on the IOLERO calendar on the website.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.



The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday October 2, 2024, at 6:00pm and will be hybrid (via zoom and in person).

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## DRAFT LETTER TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO IOLERO

Dear Chairperson Rabbitt & Supervisors,

We, the members of the Community Advisory Council, write to express our disappointment with the outcome of the litigation regarding IOLERO's power to issue subpoenas in conjunction with its investigation of a whistleblower's complaint and to urge renegotiation of the Letters of Agreement with the deputies' associations.

In 2022, after the first Letters of Agreement (LOAs) between the County and the two deputies' associations were made public, we wrote you to express our concerns about the content of those Letters of Agreement. First and foremost, we conveyed our deep concern about the LOAs' provisions taking precedence over the ordinance where there is a conflict. (Original LOAs, Sec. III(A).) We warned that the result would be litigation and possible diminution of IOLERO's power.

Despite being informed of our concern, the County did not re-negotiate this provision in the Amended Letters of Agreement, signed May 2023. Rather, it kept that provision intact.

Now, we are exactly where the CAC warned the Board that we would be. The provisions of the LOAs did not explicitly grant IOLERO the authority to issue subpoenas during investigations into whistleblower complaints. In the litigation over IOLERO's subpoena power, the Court looked to the provisions of the LOAs and held that,

By its own terms, the LOA supersedes Ord. 6333 and 25303.7. IOLERO has not provided clear authority to the contrary. They have not provided a statute or ordinance or case authority that expressly and clearly indicates otherwise. Therefore, this Court finds that the LOA is the controlling statement of the role and authority of IOLERO on the issues before this Court. For these reasons, the Court does not find that IOLERO is granted with subpoena power under the Amended LOA, which controls IOLERO's authority over Whistleblower complaints and details the required procedure for processing these complaints.

*In Re [IOLERO's] Whistleblower Case No. 23-W-001 (9/19/24) at 8.*

The Amended LOAs have undermined the authority of IOLERO, granted by Measure P, to thoroughly investigate whistleblower complaints. The employees of the Sheriff's Office and the Sonoma County community have suffered a blow to Measure P's goals of transparency and accountability.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to renegotiate the Letters of Agreement without the offending provision referenced above and with a provision that explicitly grants IOLERO the authority to use subpoenas to investigate whistleblower complaints.

Sincerely,

Lorena Barrera, Chairperson (District 3)  
Nancy Pemberton, Vice-Chairperson (District 5)  
John Azevedo (District 4)  
Darnell Bowen, At-Large  
David Casey Jones (District 2)  
Robin Jurs (District 1)  
Imelda Martinez De Montano (District 5)  
Nathan Solomon (District 1)  
George Valenzuela (District 4)  
Trevor Ward (District 3)