



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution for Monterey County Sheriff Department Oversight Committee

The League of United Latin American Citizens Resolution for Monterey County Sheriff Department Oversight Committee.

WHERE AS, the Monterey County Sheriff Department currently lacks independent oversight, leaving it vulnerable to unchecked abuses of power and misconduct;

WHEREAS, incidents of sexual harassment, discrimination, racism, harassment, retaliation, and financial improprieties have been reported within the department, highlighting the urgent need for accountability measures;

WHERE AS, Sheriff Bernal's tenure has exemplified the dangers of unbridled authority, with reported instances of misconduct persisting for nearly a decade due to the absence of oversight mechanisms;

WHEREAS, concerned citizens and organizations such as the ACLU, NAACP, League of Women Voters, and LULAC have come together in a coalition to advocate for the establishment of oversight committees to ensure transparency, accountability, and respect for civil rights within the Monterey County Sheriff Department;

WHERE AS, the lack of oversight creates a climate where officers are shielded from consequences by the officers' bill of rights, even in cases of egregious misconduct;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LULAC, that the coalition urges the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to enact comprehensive oversight measures for the Sheriff Department, including the establishment of an independent oversight committee composed of community members, legal experts, and representatives from civil rights organizations, with the authority to investigate complaints, review policies and procedures, and recommend disciplinary actions as necessary;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LULAC at the state and national levels formally endorse and support this resolution, recognizing the importance of holding law enforcement accountable and protecting the rights and safety of all residents in Monterey County;

Submitted by: Salinas LULAC #2055. Voted and approved by the National Assembly of the 2024 LULAC National Convention on June 29, 2024.

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