

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution to Support Inspector General for SMC Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, in January 2022 the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee passed a resolution supporting the efforts of Fixin' San Mateo County (FxSMC) to establish effective civilian oversight over the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, including a civilian board and an inspector general per Assembly Bill 1185 which, in 2020, authorized counties to establish that oversight; and

WHEREAS, in December 2023 the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted to create the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office (ICAC), which has generally met monthly since July 2024, and which, in August 2025, recommended that the Board of Supervisors establish a permanent inspector general similar to the counties of Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, during the past decades, problems and scandals in the Sheriff's Office have ruined lives and cost taxpayers millions of dollars, making San Mateo County pay more than \$13,400,000 over the past five years in settlements and lawsuits alleging Sheriff's Office misconduct, with the County currently facing 13 lawsuits with claims for more than \$48,000,000 due to alleged misconduct by the former Sheriff, yet the County has not been proactive, nor taken steps to create institutional guardrails/systems to prevent similar problems in the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee affirms the need for checks and balances and institutional guardrails regardless of the Sheriff's identity, and supports the recommendations of ICAC, the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County, and Fixin' SMC that the Board of Supervisors establish a regular, ongoing inspector general for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee urges the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to support the ICAC recommendation and copies State Senator Josh Becker, State Assemblymember Marc Berman, and State Assemblymember Diane Papan.

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