

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 13, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

**Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>
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SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

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I. Introduction to the New Diversity Division in the District Attorney's Office

Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, presentation on the New Diversity Division in the District Attorney's Office.

In 2015, the District Attorney's Office established the Fair & Equitable Policing and Prosecution (FEPP) Working Group and dissected every policy, practice and protocol available and talked through implicit bias in decision making, in how the DA's Office interacts with people accused and victims and witnesses. The Working Group set goals of reducing racial disparity in cases and of increasing referrals to various alternative to incarceration programs.

As a result, the Diversity Division was created in addition to a new case management system that does not display the race of the individual. Race has never played a part in who is charged and who is not, but this ensures to the individuals and community that decisions are made based on law and facts, and not on a race-based factor.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. New 3-D Mental Health and Substance Use Diversion Pilot Program Update

Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new 3-D (deflect, defer, divert) Mental Health and Substance Use Diversion Pilot Program.

Under the guidelines of the 3-D Mental Health and Substance Use Diversion Pilot program, when police contact a person suspected of committing a low level offense displaying mental health or substance use struggles, he or she will be offered the option of transportation to the Community Assessment, Referral and Engagement Services (CARES) Navigation Center rather than jail after being evaluated by a trained clinician.

The DA's office has also dedicated a prosecutor to collaborate with the treatment team as part of the process. La Familia Counseling Service will help provide outpatient treatment as well as education and employment services. At the respite site, there would be peer support specialists and mental health professionals to engage and support the individual and to decompress the energy of the situation and/or a police encounter.

The Oakland Police, San Leandro Police, Fremont Police, Hayward Police partner with La Familia in the program.

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III. District Attorney's Office Response to Increased Hate Crimes

Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation to inform the Committee on the District Attorney's response to increased hate crimes.

A Special Response Team was developed in response to the increase in hate crimes, particularly against the Asian Community.

Through community meetings, the DA's Office has learned about more than 200 incidents of violence, most unreported. The Special Response Team, led by Annie Ha Esposito, consists of prosecutors who are of Asian descent – Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, who can communicate in the primary language of the victims and witnesses. Also on the team is the Director of Community Relations with the Asian Community, Rebecca Tse who connects Victim Advocates with victims.

Inspectors have been added to do follow up investigations. For Chinese New Year, a poster was created in English and Chinese placed in businesses in and around Chinatown and beyond with the strongest message is "Let Us Help You".

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IV. Committee Discussion of Future Potential Committee Agenda Items – continued from April 8, 2021

Supervisor Richard Valle, District 1, Board of Supervisors, Committee Chair and Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors, Committee member discussed the following future agenda items:

- Update on Police Reform and Racial Injustice, including recommendations from working group
- Status report on Alameda County "Welcoming County"
- Reducing the census at Sant Rita Jail
- Therapeutic Juvenile Justice Center
- Update on AB 109
- Update on AB 1185 – Implementation of Sheriff's Oversight Committee and Inspector General

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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