

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

**Thursday, May 19, 2022
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>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Presentation and Direction Regarding Reimagining Adult Justice Initiative Update

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Wendy Still, Special Advisory to the Public Protection Committee, Alameda County, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Direction Regarding Reimagining Adult Justice Initiative.

In September 2021, the Board of Supervisors took formal action to reinstate former Chief Probation Officer Wendy Still, Alameda County Probation Department, as the Project Director of the Reimagine Adult Justice (RAJ) initiative.

The objective of RAJ is to, over an 18 to 24 month period, assess and inventory existing in and out of custody justice related programming, identify gaps and opportunities that will reduce our reliance on incarceration, and build on our current reforms to further strengthen re-entry systems, reduce recidivism, and prevent victimization.

RAJ consists of 12 elements or specifically, 12 questions which will need to be answered to inform Alameda County's reform and integration efforts moving forward.

Purpose:

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

Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: The Committee referred this item to the full Board of Supervisors to be discussed during a Board of Supervisors' Work Session and then back to Public Protection Committee.

II. Presentation, Discussion, and Direction Regarding the Potential Establishment of a County Sheriff's Oversight Board and/or Office of the Inspector General

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Wendy Still, Special Advisory to the Public Protection Committee, Alameda County, presented on the Discussion, and Direction Regarding the Potential Establishment of a County Sheriff's Oversight Board and/or Office of the Inspector General.

The AB 1185 efforts to date include: 1) draft ordinance decision points, County Counsel: participation and guidance, oversight system model, authority, structure and staffing, Sheriff Oversight Board composition and selection, Oversight Board legal counsel options and Inspector General Designation as Special Counsel, and budget options.

Speakers

John Lindsay-Poland, Kelly Abreu, Kathy Park, Tom Luce, Berkely, Faith in Action East Bay, and Bruce Schmiechen, David Mitchell, Cecelia Venucci, Pat Schwinn, Bob Britton gave public comment on Reimagining Adult Justice and proposed Sheriff’s Oversight Board. John Stefanski, Assistant to City Manager, City of Dublin, requested the Sheriff’s Oversight Board include a permanent seat for the City of Dublin.

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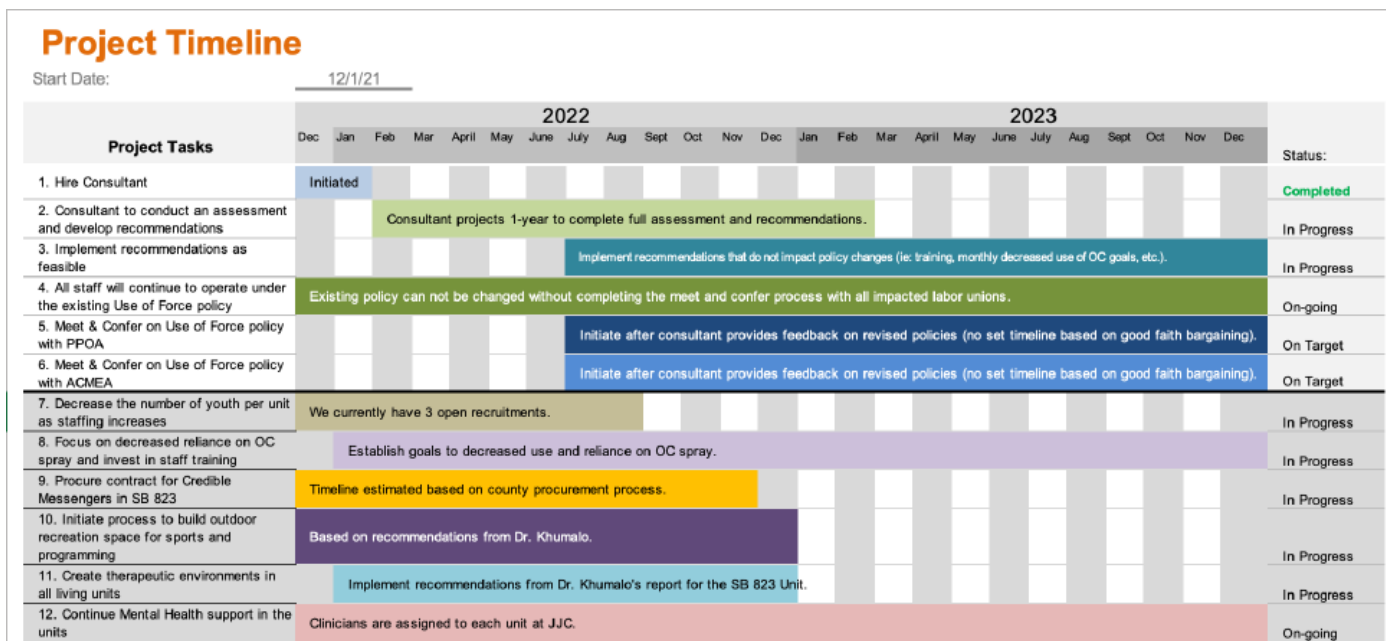
III. Status Report on OC Spray & Physical Restraints: A New Path Forward in Alameda County

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Brian Ford, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Status Report on OC Spray & Physical Restraints: A New Path Forward in Alameda County.

Project Update

A Use of Force Consultant has been hired and began the process of reducing use of force and the use of OC Spray. The Safety Achieved For Everyone (SAFE) Workgroup was established to engage stakeholders impacted by Use of Force policies.



Speakers

Ryant Drew, Ibrahim, staff in the Juvenile Division of the Probation Department, explained their use of restraints and OC Spray on their juvenile population.

Cynthia Nunes, Jennifer Tu, Isabel Tayag, Manuel, Sikander Iqbal gave public comment on reducing the use of OC Spray.

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Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: The Probation Department will return to the Committee in September with an update and additional recommendations to discontinue the use of OC Spray.

IV. Introduction to Assembly Bill 481 – Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition and Use

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Richard Lucia, Undersheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Colby Staysa, Commander, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Introduction to Assembly Bill 481 – Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition and Use.

In accordance with Government Code section 707(a)(1), the Alameda County Sheriffs Office must obtain approval of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors before: 1) Requesting military equipment made available by the Department of Defense; 2) collaborating with other agencies in the use of such equipment; 3) solicit or respond to an agreement to seek funds or apply to receive military equipment.

The Sheriff's Office has submitted a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy and Inventory and documents made available at least 30 days prior to any public hearing. The Sheriff's Office posted their proposed policy on April 4, 2022.

The Sheriff's Office request support from the Public Protection Committee to move this item to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

Speakers

John Lindsay-Poland, Cecelia Venucci, Rachel Beck, Natasha Baker, Jennifer Tu, Brown Act Observer, Wendy Alfsen, Alison Monroe, Cynthia Nunes, Yolanda Huang all spoke in opposition to the Sheriff's Office use of Military Equipment.

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- Other:

Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: The Sheriff's Office will return to the Public Protection Committee with an update on AB 481, Military Equipment Funding, taking into consideration the public testimony given at today's meeting, prior to sending the item to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brown Act Observer stated that Supervisor Valle violated the law when he did not allow a member of the public to speak at the April 28, 2022, Public Protection Committee meeting.

Supervisor Valle stated that at the previous meeting there was a public health issue, when a member of the public would not wear a mask, as required, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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