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COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENT SHERIFF'S AUDITOR

The County of Santa Cruz will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 30th to discuss the establishment of an independent auditor to provide oversight of certain operations within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting will take place from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., 5th Floor. Participation via Zoom is also available through the information provided below.

As recommended by Sheriff Jim Hart and unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, an Independent Sheriff's Auditor (ISA) would conduct audits of investigations of complaints by members of the public, internal affairs investigations or use of force investigations. The audits are designed to ensure that the Sheriff's Office investigations are conducted thoroughly and objectively.

Following a report by the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council examining local policing practices across numerous jurisdictions and the passage of AB 1185, allowing for the establishment of independent oversight over county sheriffs, in January the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a plan to hire an independent auditor.

The purpose of the meeting is to collect community feedback prior to issuing a Request for Proposals to select an ISA. To join the meeting virtually, go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82130918398> (Webinar ID: 821 3091 8398)

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