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COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENT SHERIFF'S AUDITOR

The County of Santa Cruz will holding public meetings in Ben Lomond on September 13th, Aptos on September 14th and Watsonville on September 19th to discuss the establishment of an independent auditor to provide oversight of certain operations within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

The meetings will take place from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the the following locations:

- Ben Lomond on Tuesday, September 13th
Highlands Park Community Room 8500 Highway 9
- Aptos on Wednesday, September 14th,
Aptos Park Community Room, 100 Aptos Creek Road
- Watsonville on Monday, September 19th,
Watsonville City Hall Community Room, 250 Main Street

Participation via Zoom is also available through the information provided below. 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.

To join the any meeting virtually, go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87694824214> (Webinar ID 876 9482 4214)

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