

Hello Everyone ~

As you recall, in May 2016 the BOS voted to establish a list of policy and directive recommendations, including #9, which was "***Request the Sheriff's office to return to the Board with a report on the effectiveness of these increased measures no later than September.***"

With thanks to Richard Andre, we have learned that the Sheriff's Report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will be submitted for consideration at its ***September 20 meeting***. It will be listed in the Consent Agenda.

It is our intention to request that the Sheriff's Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda and given a regular agenda placement, so that there can be more public comment and discussion by the BOS before they accept the report as adequate with their blanket vote on the Consent Agenda. We'll ask both Supervisor Leopold and Supervisor Zach Friend to pull it from the Consent Agenda. We'll do so this week, so there is plenty of time, well before the finalized agenda is posted online on September 15th.

Please plan to either attend the BOS meeting and/or be prepared to send an email to your Supervisor. We'll publish Newsletter #19 by this time next week, with meeting time details and email address for the BOS, so you have plenty of time to draft your email.

We don't know yet what that Report will say but the BOS will need to hear from all of us that the lack of any citations (except the one) was a ***critical failure*** by County law enforcement. And we will want the BOS to direct County law

enforcement to be prepared to issue citations on the New Year's Eve weekend and perhaps on October 1st, when the City of Santa Cruz has its permitted fireworks show (which may spark some resident's fervor to light their own).

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