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### **Fixin' SMC Applauds Supervisors' Decision to Investigate the Sheriff's Office, Calls for Permanent Inspector General**

**San Mateo County, CA** – Fixin' San Mateo County (SMC) expresses its support for the recent decision by the Board of Supervisors to hire an Inspector General to investigate the ongoing dispute between the Sheriff's deputies and the Sheriff's Office administration. We believe that this action is a necessary step towards resolving the matter transparently, swiftly and fairly. However, this is only a patch on an issue that requires a long-term solution.

While we commend the Supervisors for taking action, we maintain that a more comprehensive solution is required to address issues of this nature. Fixin' SMC's proposed independent civilian oversight board and Inspector General would provide the permanent, transparent, and impartial oversight needed to effectively address conflicts and ensure accountability within law enforcement. With a permanent Inspector General established as Fixin' SMC recommends, it will be the ideal mechanism to handle this situation and others like it, safeguarding public trust and enhancing the credibility of law enforcement operations. A permanent Inspector General would be able to look more deeply and in context, providing proactive advice rather than merely reacting to crises.

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“As advocates for a more accountable and transparent law enforcement system in San Mateo County, we recognize the value of swift investigations, but it is crucial to have lasting structures in place that prevent these conflicts from arising in the first place,” said Jim Lawrence, Fixin’ SMC Board Chair. “The independent civilian oversight board and Inspector General would offer continuous, objective oversight, ensuring that all parties are treated fairly and that the public remains informed.”

Fixin’ SMC calls on the Board of Supervisors to establish the civilian oversight board and Inspector General as a lasting solution for promoting fairness, transparency, and accountability in law enforcement across San Mateo County.

## About Fixin SMC

Fixin SMC is a community organization dedicated to independent civilian oversight of the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office. We strive to create a safer community and a more equitable environment for all residents through the transparency and accountability offered by civilian oversight.

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