


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Two
Supervisor George Shirakawa



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DATE: June 24, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
George Shirakawa
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Public Safety & Justice Committee - June 4, 2009

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Public Safety and Justice Committee on meeting of June 4, 2009. (Shirakawa)

Possible actions:

- a. Accept Committee agenda items 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11 as information only.
- b. Approve recommendations from the County Executive to abolish the Juvenile Hall Advisory Board (JHAB) and establish other measures to meet these needs to include continued focus on safety and conditions of juvenile detention facilities and public participation. (Item 7)
- c. Introduction and preliminary adoption of Ordinance NS-300.802 repealing Chapter III, commencing with Section A27 -27 of Division A27 of Title A of the County of Santa Clara Ordinance Code relating to the establishment of a JHAB (Roll Call Vote to waive reading, Roll Call Vote to adopt) (Item 7)
- d. Approve Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Work Plan from the Domestic Violence Council. (Item 9)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety and Justice Committee met on June 4, 2009 and discuss the following items.

An update on the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative (JJSC) was provided by the Acting County Executive, Public Defender, and the Chief Probation Officer. Upon Supervisor Shirakawa's request, the Committee directed the Acting County Executive to discuss with the City Manager of San Jose the possibility of adding a member of the City's Administration to the JJSC. Currently, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force is represented by a sergeant with the Police Department.

Next, the Committee heard the recommendations from the Acting County Executive and the Juvenile Hall Advisory Board to disband the JHAB and abolish it as a standing advisory board. After four months of discussion among the JHAB members, the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), the courts, and various stakeholders, consensus has been reached that its efforts are duplicative in nature to the JJC and JJSC, and that significant contributions have been made by JHAB which are now concluded. The Court's Juvenile Justice Commission has provided reassurances that parent and community voices will be folded into their important work and the Presiding and Supervising Judges have indicated potential future collaboration with the Board of Supervisors on future appointments to the JJC. The Committee forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to abolish the JHAB.

The Committee accepted the Domestic Violence Council work plan without comment. The Committee directed County Counsel to review the work plan of the Advisory Commission on Consumer Affairs to ensure that their work falls within the purview of the County and to provide some guidance to the ACCA as necessary. Its work plan was accepted and will be discussed again when County Counsel reports back in August.

Lastly, the Committee moved forward to the Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 Budget Hearings without comment the Recommended Budgets for the Public Defender, Pretrial Services, Department of Correction, and the Sheriff/Medical Examiner-Coroner. The Committee moved forward the Recommended Budget for the Office of the District Attorney with the caveat that there is still information to be considered regarding the decision to shift the operations of the victim witness assistance center from FACES to the DA. While there is no General Fund significance to this decision, it will be considered by the full Board of Supervisors during the Budget Hearings.

The Committee forwarded two items to the Budget Inventory. Supervisor Shirakawa proposed adding back \$262,921 to the Probation Department's budget and re-direct the funding to support the outcomes of a Countywide Truancy Abatement Strategies Plan. This General Fund appropriation was previously allocated to the Evening Reporting Center community contract which is recommended for elimination. The second inventory item forwarded by the Committee requests adding back \$285,000 for 10 agencies that provide Unmet Civil Legal Needs on a one-time basis. This amount is a 23% reduction from the current funding level of \$370,080.

ATTACHMENTS

- PSJC Agenda 6/4/09
- JHAB_transmittal
- JHAB_EstablishmentOrdinance
- JHAB Recommendation

- DVC WorkPlan
- ACCA Workplan
- JHAB_RepealOrdinance