



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Legislation Details (With Board Report)

**File #:** OBM 21-057      **Name:** Adopt Reso Censuring Monterey County Sheriff  
**Type:** Other Board Matters      **Status:** Agenda Ready  
**File created:** 5/21/2021      **In control:** Board of Supervisors  
**On agenda:** 5/25/2021      **Final action:** 5/25/2021  
**Title:** Consider adoption of a Resolution censuring Monterey County Sheriff Stephen Bernal for failure to faithfully perform his duties by allowing inappropriate expenditures of County funds during the 2019 California State Sheriffs' Association convention in Monterey County. (ADDED VIA ADDENDA)

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Board Report, 2. Sheriff censure reso, 3. Completed Board Order Item No. 7.1, 4. Completed Resolution Item No. 7.1

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/25/2021	1	Board of Supervisors	adopted - county counsel	Pass

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors Consider adoption of a Resolution censuring Monterey County Sheriff Stephen Bernal for failure to faithfully perform his duties by allowing inappropriate expenditures of County funds during the 2019 California State Sheriffs' Association convention in Monterey County.

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office hosted the 2019 California State Sheriffs' Association annual convention. The Monterey County District Attorney caused an investigation to be initiated concerning certain expenditures of County funds in support of the convention. While the District Attorney determined that criminal charges should not be filed, the Board of Supervisors is concerned about the findings in the report about the expenditures. The proposed resolution would censure the Sheriff for allowing the expenditures detailed in the District Attorney report.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**FINANCING:**

There is no impact to the County's general fund with the adoption of this resolution.

**CEQA:**

This action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This proposed program correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by working towards the goals of improving health and quality of life outcomes to individuals and families to address the immediate threat to the public peace, health and safety and prevent displacement of tenants resulting from no-fault evictions and preventing an increase in the homeless population in Monterey County.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development

Administration

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Attachments: Board Report  
Resolution