

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT:	Agenda Item: 8	
Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Stating the	For Agenda of: January 28, 2025	
City Council's Position of No Confidence in Sheriff Christina Corpus and Calling on Sheriff Corpus to	Department: Administration	
Resign	Originator: Administration	
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Resolution	Approved:	
Budget Action: ☐ Yes ☒ No Finance Review:		
REPORT TYPE: ⊠ ACTION ☐ INFORMATIONAL		
ITEM TYPE: ☐ CONSENT ☐ PUBLIC HEARING	G □ EXISTING BUSINESS ☒ NEW BUSINESS	

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and Consider Adopting a Resolution Stating the City Council's Position of No Confidence in Sheriff Christina Corpus and Calling on Sheriff Corpus to Resign.

BACKGROUND:

On February 28, 2012, the City entered into a Law Enforcement Services Agreement ("Agreement") with the County of San Mateo Sheriff's Office. The Agreement includes police management, patrol, investigation, traffic enforcement, community and school services, as well as support service components. The Agreement also maintains minimum staffing levels for patrol and provides for the same quick response times previously provided by the Millbrae Police Department. The contract has been renewed on several occasions with the existing Agreement expiring on June 30, 2025.

Given the ongoing investigation of Sheriff Christina Corpus and her executive management team, concerns have grown regarding the Sheriff's actions and her ability to effectively lead the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. This cause for concern includes the recent actions as Sheriff; most notably the arrest of the San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association President, who spoke out against the actions of the Sheriff and her executive team. The subject arrest was reviewed by District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, who cleared Deputy Tapia of wrongdoing, stating that "Tapia should not have been arrested".

As issues and concerning actions of the Sheriff continue, members of the Sheriff's Office, including the rank of Captains and front-line deputies, have approached the members of the current Millbrae City Council communicating their concern for the wellbeing of the staff, public safety delivery, and calling on the City Council for a vote of no confidence on Sheriff Corpus.

ANALYSIS:

Since Sheriff Corpus took office in January 2023, at least 106 sworn staff have left the agency, and approximately half of those individuals were not eligible for retirement. There has been significant

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turnover in the executive staff, including the Undersheriff and two Assistant Sheriffs that the Sheriff either hired or promoted. In addition, the San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association and all five Captains adopted a vote of no confidence on Sheriff Corpus and Victor Aenlle, the Executive Director of Administration appointed by Sheriff Corpus.

While the Sheriff's Office has been able to maintain the staffing levels as outlined in our Agreement, it is uncertain if this will be sustainable given the continued staffing issues and turmoil at the Sheriff's Office. Public safety is of utmost importance to the Millbrae community. The City Council has always held high standards in the relationship with the Sheriff's Office. The continued actions communicated by the employees of the Sheriff's Office now raise the question of Sheriff Corpus to effectively lead and confidently maintain the ongoing delivery of public safety services in Millbrae and throughout the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Consider Adopting a Resolution Stating the City Council's Position of No Confidence in Sheriff Christina Corpus and Calling on Sheriff Corpus to Resign.

RESOLUTION 25-XX

CITY OF MILLBRAE, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLBRAE STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN SHERIFF CHRISTINA CORPUS AND CALLING ON SHERIFF CORPUS TO RESIGN

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2012, the City entered into a Law Enforcement Services Agreement ("Agreement") with the County of San Mateo Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes, police management, patrol, investigation, traffic enforcement, community and school services, as well as support service components; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been renewed each year since 2012 and is due to expire on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2024, retired Judge LaDoris Cordell released a 400-page independent investigation ("Report") of the Sheriff sustaining several allegations, including that Sheriff Corpus and her executive team have engaged in retaliation and intimidation, exceeded and/or abused their authority, and that the Sheriff has uttered and tested racial and homophobic slurs in the workplace, during her tenure in Millbrae; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, shortly before the release of the investigative report by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Corpus ordered the arrest of Deputy Sheriff's Association President Carlos Tapia. District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe has cleared Deputy Tapia of wrongdoing, stating that "Tapia should not have been arrested;" and

WHEREAS, several levels of staff from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, including Captains and members of the Deputy Sheriffs Association, have recently communicated to current City of Millbrae officials regarding their concerns with the decline in leadership, poor decision making, low morale, and a fear of retaliation by the Sheriff Corpus and her executive management team; and

WHEREAS, since Sheriff Corpus took office in January 2023, at least 106 sworn staff have left the agency and there has been significant turnover in the executive staff; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Sheriff's Association, Office of Sheriff's Sergeants, and all five Captains in the Sheriff's Office have voted No Confidence in Sheriff Corpus and have called for her resignation; and

WHEREAS, public safety is of the utmost importance to our community; and

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WHEREAS, the recent behaviors and actions by Sheriff Corpus do not reflect the high standards that our community expects and deserves in their law enforcement personnel and provide cause for no confidence in her leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Millbrae City Council hereby states the City Council's position of No Confidence in Sheriff Christina Corpus and calls on Sheriff Corpus to resign.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2025

	A. L. F. Marris
ATTEST:	Anders Fung, Mayor
Elaine Tran, City Clerk	