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*Via email only*

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Dear President Canepa,

On behalf of Sheriff Christina Corpus and her legal team, I am writing to respectfully request the addition of an agenda item for the August 12, 2025, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meeting. This item would address staying the 412.5 Removal Proceedings currently scheduled to begin August 18, 2025. We are specifically requesting an opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

We formally request that the Board consider pausing the controversial Measure A procedures in favor of allowing proceedings to continue through the Civil Grand Jury accusations process. During today's hearing in Federal Court, Judge Chhabra explicitly acknowledged that he anticipates the Sheriff's termination through the current Removal proceedings—effectively concluding that the outcome appears predetermined before evidence has been fully presented.

Significantly, the Judge indicated that he would be positioned to intervene prior to any removal vote to address Constitutional violations. This judicial recognition of Measure A's legal vulnerabilities presents an opportunity for the County to pursue a more defensible and constitutional path forward, while lessening the economic impact on the County.

I have spent a significant portion of my professional career addressing issues of police reform and police misconduct. As a trial attorney, first line supervisor and ultimately the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice, I have personally prosecuted and overseen the prosecution or investigation of dozens of law enforcement matters. I have worked closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure effective constitutional policing, and to ensure that the affected communities have a seat at the table during these reform efforts. I welcome an opportunity to discuss lessons learned from this experience as well as what we have learned from this investigation.

We all have a shared interest in ensuring that the Measure A process is fair to the Sheriff and to the community. We believe that pausing the Measure A proceedings would allow the Sheriff to defend herself through the established Civil Grand Jury and Trial process, placing the removal decision appropriately in the hands of public jurors rather than continuing with a process that may ultimately be overturned. The voters overwhelmingly elected Sheriff Corpus in 2022. The voters should have a meaningful say in whether she is removed. We trust the residents of San Mateo County who would serve on the civil jury to make that choice, and we will be requesting that you allow for that. We request 60 minutes on August 12, 2025, allocated on the meeting agenda to address these concerns and present our proposal for proceeding in a manner that better serves both due process and the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Perez', with a stylized, flowing script.

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