

## **Board of Supervisors**

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**OAKLAND, CA** -- At its October 6, 2020 meeting, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved funding for meeting facilitation services as part of an Ad Hoc process on racial justice and police reform. This Ad Hoc process began as part of the Board's discussion on June 2, 2020, following the murder of George Floyd.

President Richard Valle raised the need for a taskforce and Supervisor Nate Miley volunteered to lead the Board's Ad Hoc process to address Racial Justice and Police Reform. The goal of the Ad Hoc plan is to establish a path forward for the Board of Supervisors under its authority and to work with the Sheriff and District Attorney, and in collaboration with local jurisdictions that have law enforcement entities to address racial justice and police reform.

Since June, through the Ad Hoc process, over 100 individuals including elected officials, community residents, youth, county leaders, law enforcement personnel, educators, subject matter experts and members of civic, faith-based and philanthropic organizations have met to engage in this critically important effort. This group has developed a proposed three-phase action plan.

Today, the Board of Supervisors recognized the promise and urgency of this Ad Hoc effort, and moved forward with its support into Phase 2 of program development and refinement by unanimously approving the use of up to \$30,000 in Boardwide funding to continue this effort.

"This important piece of County work cannot be something that we just approve then put on a shelf; this must go somewhere," stated Supervisor Miley. "Having buy-in and collaboration between the community, law enforcement, mayors, city officials, and county officials is key to creating a successful action plan because we need the input of all groups in order to actualize widespread effective reform. Extensive communication is also necessary to not duplicate efforts nor waste resources nor compromise community safety. I am pleased and grateful that the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for funding in order to bring every entity involved in this systemic change to the table so we can pave the best way forward, together."