



Response to the Grand Jury Report on law enforcement dealing with behavioral health issues

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Greetings - I am concerned about the BOS and City Council's response to the recommendation of the recent Grand Jury Report to expand the PERT Program.

I would suggest there is a simple way to do this that doesn't cost any additional money - It would actually save money.

There is currently a deputy vacancy in the County and a police officer vacancy in the City.

I suggest that you immediately put these positions on hold in order to honor the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

These positions could be filled with social workers to expand our PERT Team to more appropriate response teams that combine the skills of a law enforcement with one of a social worker.

This is a best practice that is being implemented in many places across the country. Let's expand our PERT Program.

Please let me know what you think.

Just a heads up that I will be commenting about this at your next meetings.

Thanks for your consideration of this approach to funding expansion of PERT for the City and County.

Warm Regards

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