

Resolution 2022-1 in Support of Fixin' San Mateo County
Adopted Feb. 17, 2022

WHEREAS the murder of George Floyd and so many other people of color by law enforcement has brought increasing attention to policing practices and heightened calls for reform around the country, including in the five-county Bay Area where Black people constitute less than 7% of our population yet accounted for 27% of the people killed by law enforcement officers from 2015 through 2020; and

WHEREAS in San Mateo County, where Black people are arrested at nine times the rate of White people and Hispanics at twice the rate, where despite 19 use-of-force deaths during the tenure of the current district attorney and the Taser deaths of three unarmed people of color in 2018, no law enforcement officers have been charged with a crime; and

WHEREAS 220 jurisdictions around the country, twenty-five of them in California, have established civilian oversight over their local police or sheriff—including the counties of Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sonoma—demonstrating that civilian oversight protects civil rights, increases transparency and accountability, builds bridges between law enforcement and the community, and supports effective policing, and because California law AB1185 codifies the right of citizens to establish civilian oversight boards and inspectors general with subpoena power;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that San Mateo County Democratic Party supports the efforts of a nonpartisan local grassroots community group, Fixin' San Mateo County (FxSMC), to establish effective civilian oversight that includes an inspector general over the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office ; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Mateo County Democratic Party, many of whose members are already lead volunteers in FxSMC, grants our permission to be listed on the group's materials as a supporter, and will co-sponsor and help to publicize events, encourage our members to attend FxSMC events, and participate as volunteers.