



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
SUPERVISOR FEDERAL D. GLOVER
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For Immediate Release

What: Special Public Protection meeting

When: April 28, 3 p.m.

Where: 651 Pine Street, Martinez

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REVIEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CHANGE IN MISDEMEANOR POLICY

As a result of the District Attorney's decision to publicly state that his office would cease prosecuting certain misdemeanors without adequate consultation with law enforcement officers, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Public Protection Committee chaired by Supervisor Federal Glover. It will be at 3 p.m., April 28 at the board chambers at 651 Pine Street in Martinez.

The purpose of the meeting will be to arrive at proposals to resolve the concerns of Contra Costa residents as a result of the District Attorney's decision to prosecute only certain misdemeanors.

Supervisor Susan Bonilla, chair of the Board of Supervisors, is inviting the Contra Costa County Police Chiefs Association and the Contra Costa County Sheriff to attend the meeting to discuss the potential impacts of the District Attorney's new policy upon the community.

"The Board of Supervisors believes providing public protection is of high priority," said Bonilla. "It is regrettable that the District Attorney has unilaterally decided to publicly state that his office will no longer prosecute certain misdemeanors."

"I am deeply troubled by the District Attorney's recent publicized statements regarding selective prosecution of misdemeanors," said Supervisor Glover.

"I hope that as an officer of the law, the District Attorney will continue to uphold his duties to the best of his abilities as he has sworn to do. Prior to the recent reductions, the District Attorney's office had to be discriminating as to what cases would be pursued based upon the seriousness of the offenses, personnel availability and other factors. Those guiding principles cannot and have not been discarded."