

Board name: Measure O Oversight Committee

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Description:

The Board of Supervisors shall establish a citizens' oversight committee to provide transparency and ensure fiscal accountability. The committee shall review the receipt and expenditures of the revenue from the transactions and use tax, including the County's annual independent audit. The committee's review shall be completed in conjunction with the County's budget process. The committee shall produce an annual oral or written report on its review which shall be considered by the Board at a public meeting. Any final written report shall be a public record. The Board shall adopt a resolution regarding the appointment of seven committee members, and any additional duties of the committee. **Two of the Committee members will be selected by the Sonoma County City Selection Committee.** Additional members shall include a Hospital Representative or first responder (a list of names of potential members submitted by the hospital association, fire chiefs association or law enforcement association), a business community representative (a list of names of potential members submitted by a chamber or business association), and a community member with lived experience of mental health needs or homelessness. Committee Members will serve a three-year term and are eligible to be reappointed by their appointing body.

Term Limit: None

Term Length: three years

Member (roster) size: 7

Duties: The funds collected from the transactions and use tax ordinance shall be accounted for and tracked by the County Auditor-Controller Treasurer-Tax Collector to facilitate citizen oversight. The amount generated by this revenue source and how it was used shall be included in the annual review of the County's financial operations by an independent certified public accountant, which the committee shall review. To preserve the integrity and independence of the oversight process, the committee's responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities, financing plans or tax rate projections or assumptions and the committee shall have no authority to direct, nor shall it direct, County or City staff or officials.

Membership composition: Two City selection members, at least one hospital or first responder member, one fire or law enforcement member, one business community member, and one member with lived experience.

meeting Schedule: Annual

Compensation, if any: No

Authority establishing the body (reso, ord, etc.): Board Resolution

Meeting schedule (if known right now): Not know as of now