



To: Julie Castañeda
Clerk of the Board

From: Ramón Valadez
County Supervisor, District Two

Date: January 15, 2019

Re: Item 8, Regular Agenda

Per the request of the Chair and Co-chair of Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission (CLEPC) and as a continuation of the discussion regarding their role and scope from the December 18, 2018, Board of Supervisors meeting, I respectfully submit these thoughts for consideration of the Board.

Per the Chuck Huckelberry memorandum regarding Review of Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission (CLEPC) Role and Responsibility dated December 26, 2018, the motion that I made is clear, "... I move that we terminate the Stonegarden contract and that we edit the responsibilities of a previously established commission so that we change to three appointees by every board member and one of those appointees has to have extensive criminal justice system experience. That the Commission then go to the Clerk of the Board so that the Clerk of the Board treats it as normal Board and commission and that they review and recommend on all grant applications and grants that we receive through the Sheriff's Department (emphasis added)." It was my legislative intent through that motion to give the CLEPC a clear role and scope as an advisory commission to the Board as well as the Sheriff on grants going through the Sheriff's Department. It was my desire that the public, the commission and the Sheriff would have a venue in which to dialogue and, when possible, arrive at a reasonable compromise which would be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

However, for this process to be an effective one, we must address the issue of timeliness. In this, we must balance both the need for an opportunity to gather information, ask questions and have a public dialogue with the need for an effective and efficient process with timely responses to grantors. To that end, it is my recommendation that we set a 30 day time limit for a decision beginning on the date at which the grant proposal is received by the Clerk of the Board.

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It is my understanding that there has been a suggestion that CLEPC should have additional responsibilities including oversight of the Sheriff's Department. Based on how counties are structured in Arizona through both the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes, oversight over an elected County official, like the Sheriff, lies solely with the voters. The board itself, other than budgetary, does not have oversight, and therefore, lacks the authority or ability to give such a responsibility to another body.

Today, the CLEPC is doing its duty learning both how to function as a commission and the subject matter which they have been asked to review. I wish to both thank and commend the members of the commission for the diligence with which they are approaching their responsibility. Any discussion about additional responsibilities, however, I believe should be put off to a future date when such responsibilities would not simply overwhelm and delay the grant process.