RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-78

MEETING: February 18, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Walter Wall, District Attorney

RE: Approve Data Sharing Agreement with Measures for Justice - Authorize the District Attorney to Sign

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Data Sharing Agreement by and Between the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office and Measures for Justice to Provide a Data Portal for Certain Criminal Justice System Related Measures; and Authorize the District Attorney to Sign the Agreement.

The District Attorney’s Office is desirous of being on the forefront of public transparency and accountability with respect to criminal justice system data. Measures for Justice is a nonprofit organization designed to gather data from every county in the USA on the criminal justice system and to run that data through a series of standardized performance metrics.

Using exciting, new techniques for data compilation and accounting based on digital technological advancements, the District Attorney's office proposes to share and make public data related to the operation and effectiveness of the local criminal justice system. In a partnership between Measures for Justice and in cooperation with the District Attorney's case management software company, Prosecutor by Karpel, and, at no cost to the County, users will be able to access the criminal justice system data through a web browser from any location with internet access. Before being placed in the public domain, all data will be reviewed and sanitized so that sensitive, confidential case and victim information is secure and not compromised. Prosecutor by Karpel has the ability to, and has volunteered to, pull data out of the case management system on the "back-end" and share it with Measures for Justice.

The District Attorney’s Office will work with Anthony Rios, the Director of the County’s Information Technology during the entire process and has obtained his support for the implementation of this data sharing venture.

If the Board approves this agreement the new Measures for Justice data portal will be up and running by March or April of 2020 and public will have access to the criminal justice metrics, which will bring greater transparency and accountability to our local criminal justice system.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
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This data sharing agreement builds on the data obtained from the implementation of the Prosecutor-by- Karpel case management system which approved by the Board in 2015.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Continue to provide metrics on a very limited, case-by-case basis with less efficiency and less accountability and transparency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:
MFJ - MCDA DSA (word) (002) (DOCX)
MFJ Proposal to CDAA - Revised June 2019 PDF (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey