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The Marin County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (DSA) voted by an overwhelming 92% to support and endorse Robert T. Doyle for Sheriff. The vote came after both candidates were given an opportunity to answer questions and speak openly to DSA members at a candidates' forum last month.

After the forum, it was clear to deputies that there were stark differences between the two candidate's qualifications.

Sheriff Doyle leads a complex organization of more than 300 employees; 207 of those are fully sworn peace officers. The Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) patrols 535 square miles of territory from four sub-stations. We manage the Office of Emergency Services, dispatch for seven of Marin's thirteen law enforcement agencies and all but three of its fire departments. We handle complex criminal investigations and assist many of our sister agencies with investigative resources and expertise whenever requested. We operate the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force and provide coordinated drug enforcement efforts throughout the county and beyond. We maintain the continuous custody of more than 300 inmates in the county jail and provide security for the Superior Courts of Marin County. In addition to the core functions I have mentioned above, we provide a multitude of additional programs and services that protect the public and enrich the lives of the people of Marin County.

The Coroner's Office consists of six employees and has a single service objective. We know that Ken Holmes is committed to that single objective, but a broader experience is necessary to obtain the confidence of our DSA members.

Leading and managing a multi-dimensional organization like ours requires specific experience, skills, expertise and knowledge. Sheriff Robert Doyle possesses these traits and has demonstrated his ability to use them to the benefit of the citizens of Marin County and to his staff at the MCSO.

We are living in challenging times. Our economy continues to remain stagnant and public budgets continue to shrink. Sheriff Doyle has made a commitment to the Marin public and to the DSA not to cut core services; services that the public depends on to keep them safe and provide the highest possible quality of life.

Sheriff Doyle possesses the qualities necessary to lead us to accomplish our mission and ensure that the people of Marin County receive excellent service; that's why we, the DSA, are supporting and endorsing him for Sheriff of Marin County.

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