DATE: September 28, 2020

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
    Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Jail Reform Referrals; Off-Agenda Report Item 149:
Relating to Use of Force Complaints in the Community

At the January 15, 2019 meeting of the Board of Supervisors (Item 16), Supervisor Simitian requested that the Office of the Sheriff provide a report on use of force complaints in the community including comparative year-to-year data.

In 2016, the Sheriff’s Office transitioned to a new system for tracking use of force complaints. Due to the different ways of data-mining, the outcome prior to 2016 will be inconsistent with the data we have now. Below are the numbers from 2016 to the beginning of 2020.

Use of Force Complaints - Custody Bureau - from 2016 – 2020: 76 TOTAL COMPLAINTS

- 2016 - 39 Complaints – 1 SUSTAINED
- 2017 - 11 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2018 - 18 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2019 - 7 Complaints – 1 SUSTAINED
- 2020 - 1 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED

Use of Force Complaints - Enforcement Bureau – from 2016 – 2020: 35 TOTAL COMPLAINTS

- 2016 - 12 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2017 - 15 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2018 - 8 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2019 - 0 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED
- 2020 - 0 Complaints – 0 SUSTAINED

c: Chief Board Aides
    Miguel Marquez, Chief Operating Officer
    James Williams, County Counsel
    Megan Doyle, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors