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Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Group 3

From: Eve McClune <evemcclune10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:31 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: No SB County Deportations



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The Sheriff's office isn't being transparent or accountable to AG - no need to require ICE notifications or conflate ICE transfer numbers - no more allowing deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late.

Immigrants are the backbone of our community; this mismanagement is making the spread of COVID19 worse.

-Eve, SB County Resident and Voter

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Avery Voos <avery.voos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment

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Hi there,

I would like to add a public comment to the upcoming SB County Board of Supervisor Meeting.

I would like to put on record my support that Sheriff Department and the Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers, and put an end to the painful separations of our communities and families.

Specifically, I am asking that the Sheriff's Office provide transparency & accountability to the Attorney General, and that the Sheriff's Office should not:

- - Require ICE notifications for every person
 - Conflate ICE notifications and transfers
 - Allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer)
 - Individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

It is important to remember that detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread. The spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color, and incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities. SB County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants.

Thank you for your support!
Avery Voos, Ph.D.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: april.c.amante <april.c.amante@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:14 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop all ICE notifications and transfers in SB County

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Good morning,

I demand that the Sheriff Department and the Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers, and put an end to the painful separations of our communities and families.

The Sheriff's Office is not being transparent or accountable to the Attorney General, and the Sheriff's Office should NOT Require ICE notifications for every person, conflate ICE notifications and transfers, or allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer). Individuals should not be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

Moreover, detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread. The spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color. As most all public comments last week made clear, our community strongly believes that incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities.

SB County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants. If SB wants to be the progressive, caring community of human rights that it claims to be, you need to make sure that the Sheriff's Office stop all ICE notifications and transfers.

Thank you,
I look forward to see actionable change,
In solidarity,
April

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Cooper Matthieson <ctmatthieson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:22 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sheriff's Dept Support for ICE Deportations

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am sending you my public comment as I am not able to attend the meeting this afternoon. I'm disappointed and outraged that there is so much collaboration between our Sheriff's Department and ICE. I'm asking for the following:

1. **I want SB Sheriff to be transparent and accountable to Attorney General.** Of the 98 transfers reported in the 2018 TRUTH Act Form, 0 were reported by the Sheriff's Office.
2. The SB Sheriff should not require ICE notifications for every person, conflate ICE notifications and transfers, or allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (an ICE detainer).
3. The SB Sheriff's office needs to stop sharing release information to ICE and should not allow a transfer to ICE.

These immigrants that have been deported because of the coordination with SB Sheriff are members of our community that we have lost. They are people that we live and work with. They are the ones growing our food and ensuring our critical infrastructure functions. It is wrong for us to speak of our support for our immigrant community while allowing these transfers and coordination to happen in our very backyard. We must stop this.

Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:05 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment

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Hi there,

Great to e-meet you! My name is Jasmine and i'm a member of the Santa Barbara community. I'm reaching out today to make a written comment for today's meeting regarding ICE notifications and transfers. We need to work together to put an end to these painful separations of our communities and families.

The Sheriff's office has not been transparent or holding itself accountable with the Attorney General. Sheriffs should not require ICE notifications for every person, conflate ICE notifications and transfers, or allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer).

Individuals should not be punished for the sole fact of their immigration status. Detention centers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread, and resources for detainees are scarce (if they exist at all). This same spread of COVID-19 disproportionately affects Black immigrants, and immigrants and refugees of color.

Ultimately, incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address and end harm to our communities. SB County must keep up with other counties in CA that pledge to protect immigrants and provide them with resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Jasmine Salamat-amoli

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Laurence Severance <LJSeverance@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Immigrant detainees

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I encourage you to use with your budget priorities and funding capabilities to withdraw support for Sheriff's Department activities that are out of step with broad community values, and recent compelling initiatives for positive change. In particular, the Sheriff's Department expends our County's money to deploy officers' time and effort to notify ICE regarding undocumented persons detained in the County jail, and spends public funds to allow or require deputies to wait extra time before releasing undocumented jail inmates in a timely way if ICE representatives are running late and seek to detain them. These activities are outside the scope of the Sheriff's public safety role for our County and should be defunded by reducing County funds currently spent to staff such activities.

The policy of notifying ICE of detainees' releases and coordinating with ICE actually undermines trust in our Latinx community. Many undocumented people are acquaintances and/or family of people who are lawful citizens. What the Sheriff's office is doing undermines the community's sense of trust about his office and law enforcement generally. Then, when someone from our Latinx community is a victim of crime, there is be less likelihood of calling the Sheriff's office for help. As a result, perpetrators of crime against this large swath of our community tend to go unchecked because people are fearful to get the police involved. This is the exact opposite of what the Sheriff's office and other policing agencies should want to see. The Sheriff's misguided ICE relationship is undermining his central public safety role, not improving it.

Thank you,
Larry Severance

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Rebecca Waldorf <rmwaldorf@pipeline.sbcc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on TRUTH Act Forum

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Dear esteemed members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my concerns, as a resident of Santa Barbara, regarding local collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), especially moving forward in the current climate of COVID-19 and associated challenges.

I urge you to **demand transparency from the Sheriff's Office** in order to hold it accountable to the Attorney General. Specifically, the Sheriff's Office should not require ICE notifications for every person, nor should it conflate ICE notifications and transfers. It is unacceptable to allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late. Individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants. Rather, it is our responsibility to treat them human beings with the dignity and respect afforded to non-immigrants.

The urgency of these matters cannot be overstated. As you likely recognize, detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread. The recent dangerous uptick in local COVID-19 infections here in Santa Barbara county, and nationwide, serves as dire warning of the severity of taking measures to reduce spread however we can. Research shows that the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color.

Research also backs the argument that incarceration and deportation **does not** effectively address or stop harm in our communities. SB County must keep up with other counties in California that already protect immigrants.

Immigrants are not a monolithic threat to our society. Rather, immigrants are the fabric of our country, and make vital contributions to our local community. It's time we start respecting them by taking actions like the ones I've outlined above.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

R. Waldorf

SB resident, SB SURJ chapter member