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# Public Comment-Group 1

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**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Truth Act Forum



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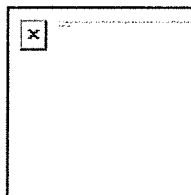
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I look forward to the meeting tomorrow.

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Resending with the Agenda Item #...

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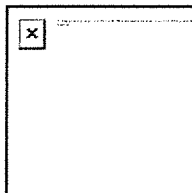
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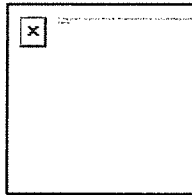
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**From:** Fernando Martinez <fernando.martinez@mixteco.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 1:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please formalize a policy to end all ICE collusion in Santa Barbara County

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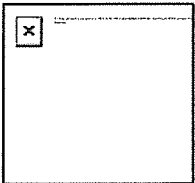
To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Fernando Martinez, and I am a community organizer with the Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project in the city of Santa Maria in north Santa Barbara County. I urge the Sheriff's office and Board of Supervisors to formalize a policy to end all transfers and notifications to ICE. Santa Barbara County families and communities should be reunited with their loved ones, not doubly punished and subjected to ICE's abusive detention and deportation practices! The Sheriff has been cooperating with ICE on people with simple misdemeanors, which violates state law, and has not been transparent in providing enough information to allow the community to know whether their cooperation is even lawful.

Sincerely,

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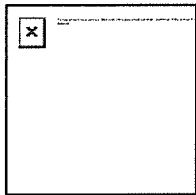
**From:** Elizabeth Ramirez Barragan <elizabeth.ramirezbarragan@mixteco.org>  
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**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment

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My name is Elizabeth Ramirez Barragan, and I am an Immigration Attorney with MICOP in Santa Barbara County. I urge the Sheriff’s office and Board of Supervisors to formalize a policy to end all transfers and notifications to ICE. I work first hand with families who are directly affected by this policy and can attest to the negative effect it has on family unity. Per year our office conducts over 100 consults with immigrants from Mexico and Central America who are facing deportation or removal proceedings due to non violent misdemeanors or traffic citations. The individuals and their families, oftentimes USC children, are left with uncertainty, anxiety and depression over family separation. The transfers and notifications to ICE need to stop to protect our families and ensure family unity

Thank you,

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**Subject:** TRUTH Act

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My name is Jane Ward, and I am a resident of Santa Barbara County. I urge the Sheriff's office and Board of Supervisors to formalize a policy to end all transfers and notifications to ICE. With very low ICE transfer numbers in the past few years, the county has already demonstrated we don't need to collude with ICE. Santa Barbara County families and communities should be reunited with their loved ones, not doubly punished and subjected to ICE's abusive detention and deportation practices!

Today, we need to at least take the step to ensure Transparency and Accountability by asking for the Sheriff to share the necessary information to ensure our County is complying with the California VALUES Act (SB 54), and its limits on collaboration with ICE.

Thank you,  
Jane Ward

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