



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** BOS  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Placement:** Departmental Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** 30 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Laura Capps, 2<sup>nd</sup> District & Chair  
Contact: Chris Henson, 805-568-3098  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion on Recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activities in Santa Barbara County

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Choose an item.

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Choose an item.

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive a report on recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities in Santa Barbara County, including the federal operation near Carpinteria on July 10, 2025; and
- b) Provide any direction, as appropriate; and
- c) Determine that these actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), the recommended actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is for the Board to discuss and hear from the public regarding recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations in Santa Barbara County. The Board is asked to review the events, consider the impact on the community, and provide direction as appropriate to address concerns arising from the federal enforcement action near Carpinteria on July 10, 2025 and in Santa Maria in early June of this year.

**Background:**

On July 10, 2025, federal agents conducted an immigration enforcement operation at a cannabis business in Carpinteria. The operation resulted in the reported detention of ten workers and the deployment of smoke grenades near a crowd of 100-200 community members who had gathered in protest. The scale and tactics of the operation, including the use of military-style vehicles and personnel, have raised significant concern among local residents, public officials, and community leaders. The incident has prompted calls for discussion and review by the Board to assess the impact on the community and determine any appropriate response or support for affected residents.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no costs associated with this Board item.

**Special Instructions:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

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