

Memorandum

Date: June 3, 2026

To: County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

From: Holly L. Benton
Chief Probation Officer

Subject: TRUTH Act Community Forum

Signed by:
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The Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act, under Government Code section 7283.1, requires the Board of Supervisors to hold a community forum when the County's law enforcement agencies have provided United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access, as defined by Government Code 7283(d), during the last year.

The County of Santa Barbara Probation Department annually reviews internal data to determine if it falls within the definition of "ICE access".

During calendar year 2025, U.S. ICE submitted one "ICE access" request to the Probation Department. Specifically, this request was an ICE "hold request", which as defined by Government Code section 7283 (b), sought the Probation Department to maintain custody of an individual in its custody beyond the time he or she would otherwise be eligible for release in order to facilitate transfer to ICE. Under the California's Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Act, codified in part in Government Code section 7282.5, law enforcement officials have the discretion to cooperate with immigration authorities under certain circumstances. ICE's "hold request" to the Probation Department in calendar year 2025 was not within such circumstances, no response was provided to U.S. ICE and as such, there was no "ICE access".