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My name is Sara Scofield and I am a former 19-year Retired County BWELL worker, and currently a community mental health provider in the non-profit sector. I want to add my voice to those raising alarm over the outrageous fiscal mismanagement of our public funds by the Sheriff's Department, and call out the Sheriff for collaborating with ICE while community members are directly observing these actions, while denying that it is taking place.

I am not in support of any increase in Jail beds, having witnessed over many years how persons with mental health conditions and socioeconomic hardships have been locked up and released in worse shape than before they were arrested. Instead of wasting our taxpayer dollars in this way, I urge the Board to fund DSS and BWELL programs and positions that lift up poor residents, and prevent incarceration through the provision of appropriate services.

Thank goodness for the Auditor-Controller and some good journalists reporting on the misuse of our public funds by the Sheriff! Over \$9million in deficit spending to be paid by our General Fund? Routine overtime abuse that looks a lot like theft and personal enrichment? We the Tax-Paying People expect these practices to be SHUT DOWN immediately. Those that pay our elected officials' salaries and for our public services want all of you to ask, with each decision: How will this action serve our community? Who will benefit? BOS members and County CEO, this is your job, and we are holding you accountable. Do the right thing.

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