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Public Comment Group 2

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From: Madeline Dippel <madelinedippel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for SBC Board of Supervisor Meeting



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Hello,

My name is Madeline and I am writing to you to demand that the Sheriff Department and the Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers in Santa Barbara County, putting an end to the painful separations of our communities and families.

The Sherriff's Office should not require ICE notifications for every person and conflate these notifications and transfers. And, the Sheriff's Office should not allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (serving as an ICE detainer). With the Covid-19 pandemic, detaining these members of our community is not only unfair, but is also putting our entire community at risk due to the increased spread of this disease in detention centers and jails, while disproportionately harming not only immigrants, but other people of color.

It is unfair that hard-working members of our community are often punished on multiple occasions just because they are immigrants, which is why many other counties in CA have increased their efforts to protect immigrants. Now is the time for Santa Barbara County to stand up and join these other counties. It is time for Santa Barbara County to make the choice to stop complying with these policies which only serve to harm select members of our community, while not addressing any of the problems that affect the safety of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your attention.

Best,

Madeline

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From: Andrew Oman <omanam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments regarding the TRUTH Act for Dec. 8, 2020
Attachments: TRUTH Act comments 7dec20.docx

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Hello:

I am unable to attend the Board of Supervisor's TRUTH Act Forum on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Please accept these written comments for the record.

Thank you.

Andrew Oman
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Comments regarding the TRUTH Act: Dec. 8, 2020

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my personal thoughts as a voter and resident of Santa Barbara County.

Santa Barbara County should immediately end all notifications and transfers from its jails to ICE.

Incarceration and deportation hurt our Santa Barbara County families and our communities – most often those who are impoverished and non-white. While you are turning adults over to the ICE, it is their children and partners who will suffer from their absence.

When you release an individual from jail, you should be hoping for them to go forth to something better. When you release an individual to ICE, you are condemning them to family separation, greater poverty, and greater pain.

Santa Barbara County depends on immigrant labor – without their work, this county grinds to a halt. Much of that labor comes from people who are undocumented.

I expect that most of us will agree that the current immigration system in the United States is broken, even if we have different ideas on how to fix it. This board does not have the power to fix that system, but it does have the power to decide whether it will continue to feed a broken system, or whether it will instead support local families and local industries by halting its cooperation with ICE.

Please make the humane decision and stop all ICE notifications and transfers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Oman,

Orcutt.

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From: Hannah Lawrence <hannah.f.lawrence@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please stop supporting deportations

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to you as a Santa Barbara resident urging you to stop all ICE notifications and transfers, and to put an end to the painful separations of our communities and families.

Santa Barbara County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants. The Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency & accountability, and the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color. Ultimately, incarceration and deportation are not effective ways to address or stop harm in our communities.

Thank you for your time.

All my best,
Hannah Lawrence

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From: Jillian Ellis <jillian.ellis5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment: Truth Act Forum

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Hello,

My name is Jillian Ellis and I have been a resident of Santa Barbara County for three years. Our community both survives and thrives thanks to the hard work of immigrants, and I want SB County to be a safe and welcoming place to all. In order for this to be a reality, we must get ICE out of Santa Barbara.

I support and reiterate the demands of CAUSE, Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance of SB, and Casa de la Raza. I am appalled that the Truth Act Forum is even necessary, because there is never a good reason for the Sheriff's office to bring ICE into our community. Plenty of other larger and more populous counties in California such as San Francisco and Los Angeles have reported 0 ICE transfers--for Santa Barbara to have reported 98 in 2018 is shocking and egregious. ICE does not make our community safer. It rips families apart, punishes people unnecessarily for being immigrants, puts innocent people at greater risk of COVID-19 by locking them up, and spreads fear throughout the community.

I am calling on Santa Barbara County leadership to stand up for our immigrant community, and keep up with the progress that other CA counties have already made to protect immigrants. Get ICE out of Santa Barbara County!

Thank you,
Jillian Ellis

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From: Patrick McManus <pwm104@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Support of ICE Deportations

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Santa Barbara County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants. The Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency & accountability, and the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color. Ultimately, incarceration and deportation are not effective ways to address or stop harm in our communities.

Sincerely,
Patrick McManus

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From: Barbara Parmet <bjparmet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Truth Act

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The discrepancy between reported (0) and actual (98) ICE transfers in Santa Barbara County in 2018 to the CA Attorney General is unlawful and unacceptable. Why is it that Sheriff Brown conducted 98 transfers to ICE when San Francisco and LA counties refused to participate in ICE transfers? And why is Sheriff Brown out of step with LA, SF, Santa Clara, Humboldt, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties?

The CA Values Act (SB54) prohibits sharing personal information with ICE, yet Sheriff Brown authorizes publication of release dates which tell ICE who is in custody and when they will be released. When I entered the name Jose, for example, in the release form, personal information on 32 inmates came up with race, occupation, and date of birth provided by the Sheriff's department. This is prohibited by SB54 which states the Sheriff's department may not use their resources on behalf of federal immigration enforcement agencies.

Are inmates provided with written consent that they understand before ICE interviews them?. Do individuals fully understand their right to NOT consent to an interview?

ICE is creating fear in our community with the assistance of Sheriff Bill Brown. How is ICE obtaining the addresses of formerly incarcerated immigrants who have paid their debt? When people are picked up off the street near their home a week after being released from jail, it makes our neighborhoods less safe and keeps our community terrorized. If Sheriff Bill Brown considers this fair, impartial and humane treatment, then I pray he is removed from office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Barbara Parmet

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From: Susan Green <sygreens@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: ICE AND DEPORTATIONS

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It is inhumane to keep ICE alive and well in our wonderful Santa Barbara. Keep ICE out of deportations!

Dr & Mrs. Ronald F. Green

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From: Alyssa Jain <alyssajain@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: TRUTH Act Forum Public Comment

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Hello,

I am a student at UCSB and I would like to express my concern about the SB County Sheriff's Office's approach to immigrants in our community. I strongly believe that the Sheriff's Office should limit their collaboration with ICE. Continuing to help ICE deport our community members makes the whole community less safe. People are afraid that if they report crimes or call the police for help, they will be deported. This creates a lot of unnecessary fear and instability during an already fearful and unstable time. Furthermore, COVID-19 cases are rising nationwide, and detention center transfers only increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Racial and social justice is incredibly important to me and to the rest of the Santa Barbara community, so I urge you to take the necessary actions to protect Santa Barbara residents, especially immigrants and people of color.

Thank you for your time.

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From: caryhiggins@umail.ucsb.edu
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We absolutely must hold law enforcement accountable for immigrant rights. ICE exists not to keep our communities safe, but rather to terrorize people of color and reinforce white supremacy. Incarceration and deportation are not effective ways to protect or uplift our communities.

The bottom line is that the Sheriff's Office must not require ICE notifications for every person, nor allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late.

A failure to enforce this bare minimum of a safety net for our immigrants would continue our compliance with ICE's oppression tactics and destabilize our communities.

Thank you,
Cary Higgins

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From: Karen Cruz <karencruz3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Truth Act Form

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Karen Cruz and I have had the privilege of working alongside undocumented colleagues of mine, and they are some of the smartest sweetest people I know and I am writing to you and urging you, and the Sheriff's Department, to put an end to ICE transfers and stop the separation of families in the Santa Barbara county.

I have friends who are who are undocumented and it's breaks my heart to know that they're in constant fear of being deported, they can't enjoy things a typical teenager experiences because they don't want to risk getting deported. I want to be their voice, it's hard already hard enough on them because their voices go unheard and they're also scared that if they speak out on these injustices they'll put their families at risk. Their parents risked their lives for them in order to make sure their kids get a better future and for you to take that opportunity away is selfish. Imagine if it was your child being taken away and you not knowing their whereabouts, constantly stressing about what's happening to them, if they're okay or imagine being the child and being sent to a place you've never been to, wondering where your parents are and if they're okay. Not only is ICE causing families distress but they're also sending them to detention centers that aren't even safe or sanitary. ICE has produced an inhumane treatment of migrants, there have been numerous women who have come forward to speak about the hysterectomies they were forced to have and on top of that many women, men, and children have come forward with stories of being sexually assaulted by ICE agents. Not only that, but ICE detention centers have had dangerous numbers of Covid-19 and right now the death rate among people being held by ICE is the highest it's been in 15 years. You cannot justify locking away people in cages, they're human too they deserve respect and decency, you also recently declared Racism a Public Health Crisis and we need to put those actions behind those words. Other counties in the state like LA County have stopped transfers to ICE, why can't we?

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From: W Michael Hackett <sbcahackett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Hart, Gregg
Cc: W Michael Hackett; Rev. Julia Hamilton; sbcob
Subject: COMMENTS FROM UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF SANTA BARBARA
Attachments: ltr to BOS jail reduction and TRUTH Act rpt draft 12.7.20 (2).pdf

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Supervisor Hart. Attached is a letter from the Unitarian Society on 2 Agenda items - one from last week (Racial Equity/Criminal Justice) and one for tomorrow (Sheriff's Office TRUTH Report).

Rev. Julia Hamilton was unavailable today to have the letter re-typed on USSB letterhead or to sign the letter personally, but she has read and approved it.

We would appreciate it if this letter could be incorporated in the record by the Clerk of the Board and shared with the other Supervisors.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mike Hackett

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Black Lives Matter

December 7, 2002

Gregg Hart
Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
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Re: Support for Reduction in County Jail Inmate Population; Concerns About TRUTH Act Compliance by the County Sheriff's Office

Dear Chair Hart:

The Justice and Equity Committee of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara would like to express its support for the efforts by both the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Office to make the COVID-19 related inmate population (Average Daily Population – ADP) reduction permanent. We compliment the Sheriff and the County's collaborative efforts to achieve significant lowering of the inmate population. We hope those efforts will continue.

As a faith community that supports equity and compassion in the criminal justice system, we favor diverting people away from incarceration to programs that focus on efforts at identifying, treating, and remediating the particular problems that cause a particular person to be arrested (substance abuse, poverty, immigration, mental health, homelessness, etc.) early in the process, while relying on the minimal level of supervision required to monitor the person awaiting formal proceedings or evaluation and entry into a specific program.

In particular, we support the following actions by the Board and the Sheriff's Office as reflected in the staff Status Report (Attachment 1):

- Expanded pre-trial supervision
- Bail modification to make it easier for poorer people to obtain their release pending proceedings
- Continuation/enhancement of the collaborative jail discharge program
- Use of citations in lieu of physical arrest
- Identification of the specific "decision points" where individuals can be diverted out of the criminal justice system
- Expanding electronic monitoring and alternative sentencing options.

We encourage these measures, not only because they would, individually or collectively, be a more humane approach, but because particularly now with a pandemic raging, and the government resources stressed to the breaking point, these are simply the right actions to take.

We do have concerns about the Sheriff's required compliance with State legislation, including the TRUTH Act, and continued ICE access to and interactions with local citizen inmates. We would appreciate if you and the Board would address these issues directly to the Sheriff Brown and his staff who make the presentation tomorrow for clarification and concrete understanding:

- Sheriff's Office - how is it providing transparency & accountability to Attorney General
- Sheriff's Office should not, as it appears to be:
 - Require ICE notifications for every person
 - Conflate ICE notifications and transfers
 - Allow deputies to wait extra time if ICE is running late (ICE detainer)
- Acknowledge that detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread
- Explain how the Sheriff's Office compliance with mandates compares with other CA counties in terms of immigrant protections

Thank you and the members of the Board for obtaining this information and helping ensure all County officials are complying with required statutory mandates.

Sincerely,

Julia Hamilton, Minister
Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Melissa Ellis <mae.melissa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:48 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: I would like to submit the following comments for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

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Hello,

I would like to submit the following comments for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

I am concerned that the Sheriff's Office is not providing transparency & accountability to the Attorney General. 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), and individuals shouldn't be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

As a Physician Assistant, I am greatly concerned that detention center transfers put all of us at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread and we know that the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color.

Incarceration and deportation is not an effective way to address or stop harm in our communities and SB County must keep up with other CA counties that already protect immigrants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Melissa Ellis, PA-C

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From: Alex Ducett <amducett14@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: TRUTH Act Forum - Hold Law Enforcement Accountable to Immigrant Rights

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Hello,

I am a Santa Barbara resident writing to urge the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Department to stop all ICE notifications and transfers. Being an immigrant should not mean that you are punished twice for wrongdoing; SB County is already behind other CA counties that do protect immigrants.

To begin with, incarceration and deportation are not effective at protecting or reducing harm in our communities. On top of that, COVID-19 is spreading rapidly in jails and detention centers, and disproportionately harming Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color adding cruel and unusual punishment to already egregious sentences. For now, detention transfers put us all at risk by increasing the opportunities for the virus to spread in our community.

We also need accountability and transparency from the Sheriff's Office in the form of Assembly Bill No. 1185 to create civilian oversight of the Sheriff Department.

Thank you,
Alex Ducett
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