

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 2

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**From:** Rolf Richter <richterfam3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 10:50 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Truth Act Forum

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Dear SB Supervisors,

I STRONGLY urge that at your May 7 meeting you decide to comply with the federal government's rules concerning illegal aliens by reporting to ICE the presence of and plans for release of these individuals. We do not support our county being a sanctuary for criminals.

Sincerely,

Rolf and Robyn Richter

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Wendy Dishman <wendydishi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 10:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sheriff Not cooperate with ICE

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S.B Sheriff has no duty yo cooperate with ICE and must stop.  
Wendy Dishman  
Resident Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Terry Fernandez <tfernandez50@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 7:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comments for the May 6 TRUTH Act Forum

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Dear Board of Supervisors and county Sheriff Bill Brown,

We are longtime residents of Santa Barbara and greatly appreciate the hard work done by all of you to make SB county a great place to live.

We also appreciate the contributions made to our county by the immigrant people living here. Without them, the quality of all of our lives would be significantly diminished.

That being said, we are very concerned about potential abuses and violations of pertinent state Acts by ICE personnel due to the brazen actions of President Trump. He has, for example, proposed the revocation of birthright citizenship, declared schools and hospitals as proper locations of unannounced ICE raids, and signed the Laken Riley Act, vastly expanding doubtfully valid immigrant detentions and potential deportations. The immigrant population is being targeted in order to satiate MAGA desires for a whiter America. In January, Sheriff Brown said that the Trump Administration's self-proclaimed "shock and awe" campaign targeting immigrants in the U.S. illegally is causing trepidation and dread among Latinos in Santa Barbara County.

Please do everything you can to prevent the SB County Sheriff's office and staff from assisting ICE in these potentially dangerous and disruptive actions.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Terry and Joyce Fernandez  
Santa Barbara, CA

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Susan Green <sygreens@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:41 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment Submission for:TRUTH Act Forum Set for May 6th, 2025

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If our sheriff helps ice and puts our immigrants at risk, our whole community will suffer.

Stores and factories, farms, and restaurants will lose their help.

Our whole community which is served by immigrant labor will suffer, and our way of life will be diminished.

Our sheriff is supposed to help our community, not destroy it.

Susan Green

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Carrie Hutchinson <cchutch@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 3:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sheriff Must End Voluntary Cooperation with ICE

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Sheriff Brown and Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Santa Barbara County to urge the Sheriff's Office to end all forms of voluntary cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Cooperating with ICE undermines trust between local law enforcement and immigrant communities. When individuals fear that contact with local police may lead to deportation, they are less likely to report crimes, serve as witnesses, or seek help when needed—making our entire community less safe.

California has taken important steps through laws like the California Values Act (SB 54) to protect our immigrant neighbors. Voluntary cooperation with ICE, including sharing release dates or honoring ICE detainers not backed by a judicial warrant, goes against both the spirit and intent of those protections.

Santa Barbara County is stronger when all residents—regardless of immigration status—can live without fear. I respectfully urge you to prioritize the safety and unity of our community by declining to cooperate with ICE and affirming that our local resources should not be used to support federal immigration enforcement.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this request.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Hutchinson  
Resident, Santa Barbara County

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Becki Norton <becki.norton62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for TRUTH Act Forum on 5/6/2025

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Honorable Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

My name is Rebecca (Becki) Norton. I reside in Carpinteria. As a member of the newly formed Carpinteria Immigrant Rights Coalition, I am a concerned Santa Barbara County resident.

The acronym TRUTH in TRUTH Act stands for *Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds*. It is also known as SB54 or the California Values Act, which limits cooperation between local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Has the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) been transparent in reporting to the California Department of Criminal Justice (CDCJ) regarding reporting transfers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)? **No**. According to Buen Vecino, a Ventura County immigrant advocacy group, the SBSO has a pattern of reporting 0 ICE transfers to the CDCJ although the SBSO consistently reports numerous "pickups" and "rearrests" which in practice if not name are actually transfers, at the TRUTH Act Forums since the law was enacted in 2017.

Have some transfers and holds been unjust? **Yes**. Therefore SBSO appears to be in violation of its reporting obligations under SB54.

Furthermore, immigrants make vital contributions to the cultural, social and economic fabric of the Santa Barbara County community. Protecting immigrant rights therefore strengthens our communities. Local safety should never depend on immigration status.

Immigrants have rights under the U.S. Constitution as well as state and city laws. In 2024, according to the Press Release from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department dated 4/1/2025, it notified Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of 39 inmate releases, resulting in 13 "re-arrests." From the perspective of protecting immigrant rights, the transfers to ICE of non-criminals by the SBSO raises serious concerns and is problematic for several key reasons:

### 1. Erosion of Trust in Law Enforcement

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- When local law enforcement cooperates with ICE, it can create fear among immigrant communities,
- including those with legal status or mixed-status families.

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- Immigrants may become reluctant to report crimes, serve as witnesses, or cooperate in investigations, fearing that any interaction with police could lead to deportation.
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- This undermines public safety for the entire community.

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## 2. Due Process and Discrimination Concerns

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- ICE detainers are civil requests, not criminal warrants, and they often lack judicial oversight.
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- Honoring ICE notifications can lead to extended detentions without probable cause, potentially violating the Fourth Amendment.
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- There's also concern about racial profiling or targeting based on immigration status
- or ethnicity.
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### 3. Violation of State Sanctuary Policies

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- California has sanctuary laws (e.g., SB 54, the California Values Act) that limit cooperation
- between local law enforcement and ICE.
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- While some exceptions are allowed for serious or violent felonies, routinely notifying
- ICE about inmate releases may violate the spirit, if not the letter, of these laws.
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### What Should Be Done:

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  - The Sheriff's Department should cease notifying ICE about inmate release dates, especially

- when not legally required.

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- Focus should be on treating all individuals equally, regardless of immigration status,
- unless specific judicial orders are involved.

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- Require public reporting on how often ICE is contacted, the legal basis for each notification,
- and the outcomes.

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- Ensure community oversight of any collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.

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15. Invest in Community Trust Initiatives

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- Support “Know Your Rights” education for immigrants.

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- Fund legal defense programs for detained immigrants and provide community-based alternatives to detention.

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21. Uphold and Strengthen State Sanctuary Laws

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- Advocate for stricter enforcement of existing sanctuary laws and for closing loopholes that allow continued cooperation with ICE.

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- **Local governments can pass ordinances to further restrict information-sharing with**

- **federal immigration agencies.**

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Finally, future Truth Act Forums should be held separately in the evening at a date and time that is accessible to community members from all economic backgrounds so they are able to participate.

Santa Barbara immigrants deserve honesty, oversight, accessibility to the democratic process as well as due process.

Thank you for considering my comments, your attention and efforts around this issue and for your service to our community.

Respectfully Yours,

~Becki Norton  
(805) 705-7933

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Dallan Penney <dallonjpenney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 9:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Truth Act Public Comment

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

I am a senior scientist in Santa Barbara and hold a PhD in Physical Chemistry from UC Santa Barbara. I am also a member of the Santa Barbara Astronomical Society. As a resident of Goleta for the past 7 years, I feel strongly about protecting the rights and due process of all residents of the county of Santa Barbara, regardless of citizenship status. I strongly urge the county and the sheriff's office to stop aiding and abetting ICE in its efforts to access personal information about inmates within the county, in solidarity with the hardworking families and individuals who contribute so much to the community.

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Regards,  
Dallon Penney, PhD

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**From:** Rachel Cole <rachelcole16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 9:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** TRUTH Act Public Comment

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To whom it may concern,

I am a Santa Barbara resident since 2019, I have a masters degree in clinical psychology and work in mental health locally with the community. I am writing to demand that the sheriff's office stop its practice of voluntarily handing community members over to ICE. I understand that the city of Santa Barbara has committed to serving all of its citizens, regardless of immigration status. The time is here to protect the citizens of this city and to not give into the demands of ICE under the current administration.

As a community member, I cherish the diversity, tolerance, and unity that persists in Santa Barbara, and I stand in solidarity with the hardworking families and individuals who contribute so much to our community. I am now demanding that the sheriff's office do the same.

Regards,

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** JULIE BOWDEN <jbowdenms@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 6:40 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sheriff/iCE

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To the county board of supervisors:

I understand our sheriff has volunteered to notify ICE when someone with questionable citizenship documentation is released from our jails. Since the civil rights of many immigrants have recently been abused, I ask that this cooperation be terminated.

Thank you, Julie Bowden  
805.452.3166  
Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Terry Kleiman <terry.kleiman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:59 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sanctuary status along central coast

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I was unaware our sheriff plans on cooperating with ICE putting our neighbors and friends between a rick and a hard place. This must stop. We beed and love our undocumented neighbors. Impeach this sheriff. Leave our undocumented neighbors alone.

**Katherine Douglas**

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**Subject:** FW: May 6 meeting

**From:** Elaine Morris <[luvszin@hotmail.com](mailto:luvszin@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 3:11 PM

**To:** Joan Hartmann <[jHartmann@countyofsb.org](mailto:jHartmann@countyofsb.org)>

**Subject:** May 6 meeting

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I am a resident of Solvang.

I want my opinion to count.

I support our Sheriff's working with ICE.

Elaine Morris

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**From:** Marian Shapiro, MSW sheher <marianshapiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:16 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** TRUTH Act

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear County Supervisors,

The issue about the California TRUTH Act seems to me to be whether people in our country have **due process** and can not be arrested or "disappeared" without a reason and without the chance to be heard and defend themselves before a judge or jury. Our Constitution says they have the right to due process. They cannot be sent to a prison in another country simply because an ICE officer, or sheriff, or government administration doesn't want Latinos, or Blacks, or LGBTQ people, or Jews in their country. If they broke a law, they should have the prescribed punishment, but not be sent to a gulag where they are beaten and starved to death the way the prison in El Salvador treats prisoners.

I can't stop thinking about the famous quote from the prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany, Martin Niemöller. He wrote it after the Holocaust to highlight the dangers of inaction and indifference in the face of oppression. The quote emphasizes the importance of speaking up for those who are targeted, **even if they are not part of one's own group.**

**First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist.  
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.**

Members of our community may think what happens to these undocumented immigrants does not affect me. I'm not an immigrant. I'm not a Latino. But we're all part of the Californian society and economy. We work together and rely on each other. If the ICE officers are trained to be threatening and rough, as federal agents were with the woman and three daughters who had just moved from Maryland to Oklahoma, and were violently and disrespectfully treated, is this what America is now? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkLq3Rrj8pQ>

I am speaking up to say NO, this is not what America is, not how our Constitution says all people here should be treated. It doesn't say only citizens have a right to due process. The Constitution says ALL people have a right to due process.

Please make it clear that we don't support our sheriff helping ICE arrest people in our community without due process.

Thank you,  
Marian Shapiro

Marian Shapiro MSW  
Preferred phone 805-968-0478  
Text: 805-252-8616  
249 Savona Ave. Goleta 93117

**"Activism is my rent for living on the planet."** Alice Walker

***"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."*** -Abraham Lincoln

**"This constant lying is not aimed at making the people believe a lie, but at ensuring that no one believes anything anymore".**

Hannah Arendt, Nazi Germany survivor

**If you say you love freedom, but you don't believe freedom is for everybody, then the thing you love isn't freedom, it's privilege.** - Tim Walz

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**From:** KATHERINE LOPEZ <katherinehlopez@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Truth Act Forum

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I would like an explanation from our Sheriff as to why he choses to ignore the CA Values ACT (SB 54) and notifies ICE when certain immigrants are being released from jail or complete their probation.  
We need to protect our Santa Barbara County immigrant neighbors from unlawful law enforcement harrassment.

Thank you,  
Katherine H Lopez  
A Home grown opponent of illegal abuse of immigrants.  
805-722-7121

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Jean Ballantyne <animalia@impulse.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:06 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for Board of Supervisors regarding Item # 6, TRUTH Act Forum, May 6th, 2025

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to you to call on the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office to stop handing over anyone to ICE and end all voluntary collaboration with immigration enforcement:

Stop transfers and notifications to ICE without judicial warrant. Stop DHS/ICE access to county property, including parking lots, without judicial warrant. Stop sharing information, data, and resources with DHS/ICE without judicial warrant.

A person's immigration status is not the business of sheriff or police. This pursuit of immigrants is not action in the service of peace or security but is instead a frightening hunt that dehumanizes both predator and prey. That immigrant people are the focus now—and let's say what is true here—that immigrant Brown people are the focus now is almost arbitrary. What other characteristic might be selected to single people out in order to lie in wait for them and snatch them off the street or invade their houses? Gender status? Economic status? LGBTQA+ status? Disability status? Tone of voice? Clothing choices? What characteristic of mine? What characteristic of yours?

Democracy does not consist of paring away or removing beings that don't fit an ideology, even an ideology of democracy. Democracy is billions of individuals figuring out how to share one earth. We are all in this together. Let's figure this out.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Ballantyne  
Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Erika Penney <erika.penney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Handling immigrants under law enforcement

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Hello, this is a public comment for the truth act forum meeting. I understand the truth act and sb54 is a way to curtail federal immigration enforcement and limit cooperation with ICE regarding inmate's citizenship status. I hope where possible that data regarding immigration status of inmates is secure and not public information.

Best,  
EFC

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Deborah Lowry <beauxrats@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** SBC Sheriff and ICE

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing to voice my objection to the sheriff of SB County cooperating with ICE. When someone is remanded to ICE they may not get due process before deportation and/or be locked up interminably in an offshore gulag. These facts are well documented. These practices are also unconstitutional and inhumane. One day, I hope, people will be judged and held responsible for their support and participation in the human trafficking that is our current shame.

Deborah Lowry  
Santa Barbara

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kathy Kelly <kelly.kathleen805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Kevin Kelly; Kathy Kelly  
**Subject:** Re Agenda item 25-00341

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Regarding this agenda item 25-00341

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the Annual Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act Report and Community Forum, as follows: (EST. TIME: 2 HR.) a) Receive and file the annual TRUTH Act report regarding United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals as required by Government Code Section 7283.1(d); and b) Determine that the above action is an organizational or administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

We are out of the state until Wednesday or we would absolutely be there in person with our community. Our message is succinct.

1. My husband and I want you, our Supervisors, to issue a Policy Directive to Law Enforcement, limiting Law Enforcement's cooperation with ICE to ONLY what is legally required. Not a thing more.
2. We ask for a Human Rights Declaration (The RISE Resolution) and the re-establishment of the Human Rights Commission to protect and advocate for our community's rights.

Respectfully,

Kathleen and Kevin Kelly  
1805 La Coronilla Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** irene falzone <tfalzone@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Regarding resolution 25-00341, TRUTH ACT Report

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Attn: Board of Supervisors  
Re: Agenda Item 25-00341

I humbly request that you issue a Policy Directive to Law Enforcement that limits Law Enforcement's cooperation with ICE to ONLY what is legally required. Nothing more.

I also ask for a Human Rights Declaration from the Supervisors and the re-establishment of the human rights commission to protect and advocate for our community's rights.

Thank you in advance for your help and the hard work you all do for our county.

Regards,

Irene Falzone

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Irene Cunningham <irene@cunninghamparris.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:15 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Truth Act Forum Comment

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

This is addressed to the Sheriff and to the County Board of Supervisors:

I am unable to attend the annual Truth Act Forum tomorrow, but I feel very strongly about this issue and want to express my thoughts. What is happening to our immigrant community is tragic and a betrayal of our democratic values and our Constitution. It is my strong opinion that our Sheriff should not voluntarily cooperate with ICE in its unlawful rounding up and deportation of immigrants in this county without due process of law. This is creating terror and terrible hardships for people who want nothing more than a safe life for themselves and their families.

If ICE comes with a proper warrant for a person convicted of a violent crime, then by all means the Sheriff should cooperate, but roundups for the purpose of terrorizing our community must stop.

Thank you,

Irene P. Cunningham  
878 Ballard Canyon Road  
Solvang, CA 93463  
(805) 729-0605

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Melanja Jones <melanjaj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:15 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** TRUTH act forum

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello

I am writing in regard to the TRUTH act forum tomorrow. I am disappointed to hear that our county sheriff has been voluntarily cooperating with ICE.

In normal years I wouldn't question this cooperation so much. However, in light of all the serious overreaches occurring with immigration enforcement around the country right now, I feel it's inappropriate and dangerous to our community. The witch hunts and lack of due process from ICE officials nationwide, Combined with the fact that it's very difficult for people trying to work or immigrate here legally to get their visas processed, makes this a dangerous situation and as a county resident, I am not in favor.

I understand that neighboring counties have adopted the policy that local sheriffs do not cooperate with ICE voluntarily and I think Santa Barbara should do the same.

Regards

Melanja Jones  
5455 8th Street #49  
Carpinteria CA 93013  
9702317426

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Christine C <chrichicat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment for SB TRUTH act form

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

When you hand over community members over to ICE you are directly harming families that make up our community. People deserve dignity, respect, and autonomy regardless of status.

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Chryss Yost <seayost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 25-00341

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing to request that the Board issue a Policy Directive to Law Enforcement, limiting their cooperation with ICE to ONLY what is legally required. Our Police force should serve the interests of OUR COMMUNITY not the President's agenda.

I would also ask the Board re-establish the Human Rights Commission to protect and advocate for all members of our community.

Thank you,

Chryss Yost

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** CS Silvers <silvers3310@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Roy Lee; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson; Steve Lavagnino  
**Subject:** NO to ICE, Yes to Sheriff Accountability

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County and I am writing to express my strong opposition to any collaboration between the county sheriff's office and ICE.

Cooperation with ICE undermines the safety, trust, and dignity of not just our immigrant communities but our community as a whole. The ripple effects are immeasurable. When local law enforcement voluntarily shares release dates or other information with ICE, and then disingenuously reports this cooperation as "re-arrests", it creates a climate of fear and distrust, discouraging community members from reporting crimes, cooperating with investigations, or seeking help in emergencies. And it carries through the generations as our young ones continue to bear witness, year after year. This makes us all less safe and tears at the fabric of our small and interconnected community.

Mistrust sown by the sheriff's office is currently a concern for my family as we live close to San Marcos High School and the location where a teenager was recently killed. As far as we are aware, the sheriff's office is still seeking information from the community.

The State of California has made it clear through legislation like SB 54 (the California Values Act) that local law enforcement should not be in the business of federal immigration enforcement. Any deviation from this policy — even under the guise of discretion — violates both the spirit and potentially the letter of the law. It wastes our valuable county resources, and puts us at risk for even higher monetary losses when mistakes are inevitably made and lawsuits ensue. The sheriff's office chronically drives overspending and disproportionate use of taxpayer monies as it is.

We need accountability now.

With rampant lawlessness coming from the federal level, we are looking to you as our local elected leaders to be brave, be creative, and stand strong for everyone in our county.

I urge you to demand:

- A complete end to all voluntary notifications and communication with ICE;
- Full transparency in the Sheriff's practices regarding ICE;
- Oversight to ensure compliance with SB 54 and protection of civil rights.

Please act now to restore dignity, truth and trust in our local institutions.

Sincerely,

Cressida Silvers

District 2