




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: December 3, 2024
Placement: Administrative - Set
Hearing
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (805) 681-4290 
Director(s)
Contact Info: Eric Alexander, Custody Lieutenant (805) 681-4252

SUBJECT: Annual TRUTH Act Report and Community Forum

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for the December 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting to consider recommendations, as follows:

- a) Receive and file the annual Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act report regarding United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals as required by Government Code section 7283.1(d);
- b) Hold the public hearing on December 17, 2024, as required by Government Code section 7283.1(d), regarding ICE's access to individuals, and to receive and consider public comment; and
- c) 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.

Summary Text:

This item is before your Board to receive and file the annual TRUTH Act report and set a public hearing for December 17, 2024, as required by Government Code section 7283.1(d).

Background:

As of January 1, 2018, Government Code section 7283.1(d) requires the Board of Supervisors to hold at least one community forum annually, with at least 30 days of notice, “to provide information to the public about ICE’s access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment.” At least 30 days in advance of the hearing, public notice of the community forum was provided through publication in two newspapers of general circulation—the Santa Barbara Independent and the Santa Maria Times—and through a Sheriff’s Office press release. This year’s community forum and presentation to the Board of Supervisors will be held on December 17, 2024, where the Sheriff’s Office will present TRUTH Act procedures and statistics for 2023.

Section 7283.1(d) also provides that the Sheriff’s Office, “[M]ay provide the governing body with data it maintains regarding the number and demographic characteristics of individuals to whom the agency has provided ICE access, the date ICE access was provided, and whether the ICE access was provided through a hold, transfer, or notification request or through other means.”

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send an official Minute Order to the Sheriff’s Office, attention: Sergeant Jeffrey Koeller.

Authored by:

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