




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: November 10, 2020
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 1.5 hr. on Dec. 8, 2020
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (ext. 14290) 
Director(s)
Contact Info: Erik Raney, Lieutenant (ext.14136)

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 8, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to consider recommendations, as follows:

- 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);
- b) Hold the public hearing, as required by Government Code section 7283.1(d), regarding ICE's access to individuals, and receive and consider public comment; and
- c) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because it is a government administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

Government Code section 7283.1(d), of the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds ("TRUTH Act"), 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."

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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. The purpose is “to provide information to the public about ICE’s access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment.” Notice of the December 8, 2020 community forum will be provided to the public through publication in two newspapers of general circulation. The public notices will be published at least 30 days in advance of the December 8, 2020 hearing in the Santa Barbara News Press and the Santa Maria Times.

Section 7283.1(d) also provides that the Sheriff’s Office “may 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. Data may be provided in the form of statistics or, if statistics are not maintained, individual records, provided that personally identifiable information shall be redacted.” As a part of the community forum, the Sheriff’s Office will present relevant data.

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