



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner

Department No.: 032
Agenda Date: 5/12/2026 Set Hearing
6/23/2026 Departmental
Placement: Set-Hearing
Estimated Time: 2 hours on 6/23/2026
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner
Contact Info: Delaney Loes, Custody Records Manager
SUBJECT: Annual TRUTH Act Report and Community Forum

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for June 23, 2026, 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 June 23, 2026, 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 set a public hearing for June 23, 2026, to receive and file the annual TRUTH Act report, as required by Government Code section 7283.1(d). The Government Code mandates that the local governing body of any county, city, or city and county in which a local law enforcement agency has provided ICE access to an individual during the last year shall hold at least one community forum during the following year, that is open to the public, in an accessible location, and with at least 30 days' notice to provide information to the public about ICE's access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment. As part of this forum, the local law enforcement agency 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. During the TRUTH Act report, the Sheriff's Office will present information to the Board of Supervisors and the public regarding its policies and procedures as well as explain instances in which the Sheriff's Office provided ICE access through a hold, transfer, or notification request.

Discussion:

This item sets the public hearing date for the annual Truth Act report and provides the public and the Board of Supervisors with proper notice to attend the hearing either virtually or in-person. Pursuant to the Truth, Trust and Values Acts within the State of California, Sheriffs are only authorized to allow ICE access to incarcerated persons under certain conditions outlined within the California Government Code.

During calendar year 2025, the Sheriff's Office received 221 official requests for access to incarcerated persons from ICE. Of those 221 requests, 28 individuals qualified for ICE access pursuant to the laws referenced above. An individual qualifies for ICE access if they have been convicted of a crime that is specified within Government Code section 7282.5 within five years for a misdemeanor conviction and within fifteen years for a felony conviction. Out of those 28 individuals, the Sheriff's Office facilitated the transfer of 12 of these individuals to the custody of ICE. The remaining sixteen individuals that qualified for transfer to ICE were released from jail custody. An additional 33 individuals were arrested by ICE within the jail facilities pursuant to judicial warrants, authorized by a federal judge or magistrate.

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 is to be provided through publication in two newspapers of general circulation and through a Sheriff's Office press release. This year's community forum and presentation to the Board of Supervisors will be held on June 23, 2026, when the Sheriff's Office will present TRUTH Act procedures and statistics for 2025.

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

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send an official Minute Order to the Sheriff's Office, attention: Custody Records Manager Delaney Loes. Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) given to the Clerk of the Board for publication/posting in the Santa Maria Times and the Santa Barbara Independent (or other publication) 30 days prior to the Hearing on June 23, 2026.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Public Notice Announcement

Attachment B – Sheriff's Office's ICE Communication Policy

Attachment C – Truth Act Report

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