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Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 11:59 PM
To: sbcob; Katherine Douglas
Subject: 01-23-2026_Public Comment_Departmental Agenda Item 6

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To the members of the board,

When a fire needs to be put out, you hire the best of the best on the force to respond. A natural disaster requires human exceptionality, both digital and physical. It is why firefighters are the sole contractors of their domain: natural disasters. Perhaps to have their experience and expertise utilized toward a peculiar item such as preventing such a natural floods of human suffering, a competitive contract may forge itself.

Indeed in order to diversify revenue toward a united public benefit, one that is co-regulative between industry, cohesive between neighbors, and responsive to the public, it will help to find just the right man (or woman) on the force for the job. They're no King Solomon, who would want to be him, but they're respectable. His army lost after all.

I wouldn't want their cadre changing suits, when all they're asking for is more specialized work within their domain. We're all in the same neighborhood after all and it only takes one untouched branch to create the appearance of a controlled burn.

Beyond allegory, something of a discussion between the public and the private, I first comment to you here today to share that Departmental Agenda Item 6 must consider the broader of affects of festivities on our county's public safety.

For example, ICE's access to persons may be just the touch we need to ensure that our neighbors can attend a world-cup viewing party that was never meant to be so isolated to one area but expansive, with an open posture toward the whole community. In other words, such matters should be taken in whole not part, as they are matters of the shared heart we all bear and beat.

Second, on the point of the human anatomy, the heart is such a tender muscle—if it weren't so explicitly connected to the mind and its general health, we would find the human community to be more resilient than say a bear. We are not as diverse as persons than some of us may think from this point of view.

To be certain, our mental capacity and the governance that surrounds it, can, by will and virtue, reflect this variation. With the genuine consensus of those whose work-arounds fail to reach a standard of moral purity before the weight of the County Dollar, competition over the mind can fix things.

With that being said, my final point is that spending county dollars a separate, independent county-based inquiry into the transfer of administrative state-oriented information constitutes a self-evident violation to the life and liberty of human persons.

If it is the case that the (Agenda Item 6) TRUTH Act Report relieves itself of the burden to casually link ICE access to persons AS ACCESS TO PERSONS UNJUSTLY by muting the abuses occurring in county settings, it may be clear that one set of contracts will need to diversify and the other may require expansion to truly secure public safety with severe jurisdictional brevity and deft, if it so pleases you.

Kind regards,
Elias Nepa

Katherine Douglas

From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2026 10:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment for meeting Tuesday June 23 re TRUTH act

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Attention Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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.

I entirely support this endeavor.

Susan Shields
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Katherine Douglas

From: Ali Brieske <alimabardi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2026 6:18 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sheriff Brown and 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 Board of Supervisors,

It's time that Sheriff Brown is held accountable for his complicity in ICE arrests in and around Santa Barbara County jails. He is an elected official, yet acts as if he answers to no one. When questioned about his office's collaboration with ICE, he gives vague nonanswers or flat out lies. For example, according to an April 2026 [Santa Barbara News-Press report](#), the Sheriff's Office reported 12 official transfers of inmates to immigration agents in 2025. However, federal data shows ICE agents arrested eight times that many people at locations they tagged as Santa Barbara county jails. Many of these people have no history of criminal conviction.

All this is happening while his office's overtime budget is bleeding county reserves dry. Sheriff Brown must stop his complicity and stand up for the community that elected him to keep us safe.

Thank you,

Ali Brieske

Katherine Douglas

From: John Douglas <jed805@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2026 7:24 PM
To: sbcob; Roy Lee; Joan Hartmann; Bob Nelson; Steve Lavagnino
Cc: Warren Ritter
Subject: Tuesday June 23, 2026 TRUTH Act hearing - public comment

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SB County Supervisors:

I urge you to demand that the Sheriff's Dept. fully comply with the TRUTH Act and discontinue all non-required information sharing and jail access to all federal immigration authorities. I urge you to do everything within your power to see that the Sheriff's Dept. complies with the law and with your demands.

Thanks for considering my views.

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Katherine Douglas

From: ruth ackerman <dr.ruth1232@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:02 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sheriff and ICE

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Please share my concern regarding transparency and collaboration with ICE on the part of the sheriff. Thank you Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Ronda <foxenhobbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:29 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: ICE Cooperation

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I am writing to express my concern about the Sheriff's Department's cooperation with ICE beyond what is required by law. California law limits local participation in federal immigration enforcement, and I believe our county should follow not only the letter of the law but also its spirit.

When local law enforcement voluntarily assists ICE, it can undermine trust between immigrant communities and public safety agencies. Residents are less likely to report crimes, serve as witnesses, or seek help when they fear interactions with law enforcement could lead to immigration consequences.

I respectfully ask that your office review its policies and limit cooperation with ICE to what is legally required. Our Sheriff's Department should focus its resources on protecting all members of our community and maintaining public trust.

-Ronda Hobbs

Katherine Douglas

From: Bill Hobbs <wehobbsjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:37 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: ICE Cooperation

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I am writing to express my concern regarding the level of cooperation between the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and ICE. Specifically, I am concerned about instances where departmental cooperation may extend beyond the strict mandates of California law, including the California Values Act (SB 54).

When local law enforcement acts outside the necessary boundaries of state law to assist with federal civil immigration enforcement, it directly undermines public safety. It erodes the vital trust between our local immigrant communities and local police. When community members fear that interacting with the Sheriff's Department could result in deportation, they become far less likely to report crimes, come forward as witnesses, or seek emergency assistance.

While state law carves out specific, narrow exceptions regarding communication and transfers, our community expects the Sheriff's Department to prioritize local public safety and honor the spirit of California's sanctuary protections. Exceeding what is legally required compromises our shared values of safety, inclusivity, and trust.

We need full transparency and a clear commitment to ensuring that local county resources are not being used to assist federal immigration efforts beyond what is absolutely mandated by state law.

Respectfully,

Willard Hobbs

Katherine Douglas

From: shirlee heitman <heitman3@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 12:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 26-00440: Truth Act Forum
Attachments: Truth Act letter copy.docx

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Please include this letter re: item 26-00440 to the Board of Supervisors Public Comment for the June 23 meeting. Thank you.

Shirlee and Larry Heitman, 4461 Boardwalk Lane, Santa Maria, CA. 93455

Sent from my iPad

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

June 23, 2026, Meeting. Item 26-00440

Truth Act Forum 2026

Dear County Supervisors,

After reviewing all the data collected, including what is presented today at the Forum, several areas strike us as disingenuous.

The areas include:

- Specific Truth Act numbers vs. actual numbers do not match from the County Sheriff's report to that of the Federal Statistics, the local newspaper reporting, the independent watch dog organizations and even AI questioning. *
- To further this point, the Sheriff's Department reports 12 transfer requests under the Truth Act according to our County Sheriff's office while Federal data claims 8x that number*
- News reporting through all of the Santa Barabara County news sources, social media, and local data from outside agencies with a different view of the Sheriff's department and ICE relationship. These sources also include videos and taped event recordings showing different version of the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and ICE. All independent reporting differs from the reported relationship under the Truth Act *

- Unlike other California counties, our numbers of citizens taken from our County, especially Santa Maria and Lompoc, are going up in 2026. This is while overall county crime is down. *
- Sheriff Department overtime expenses of \$19 million, versus budgeted amounts is mind boggling. Data shows crime statistics numbers for Santa Barbara County are down from 2025. This includes their department number of miles driven and jail holdings going down. Is the overtime in support of ICE? Where are those hours spent? *

Public safety means ensuring no local resources are used to help federal agents racially profile, attack and separate our families and neighbors. Instead, our local Sheriffs Department should not be used to help ICE detain and deport our families and neighbors nor help federal agents during mass raids and arrests. These actions violate constitutional rights and threaten the health and safety of Santa Barbara County families and residents.

We suspect that while most of your citizens respect the truth of the Board of Supervisors, we have grown weary of our Sheriff's distractions, budget overspending, and relationship to ICE. We want the Sheriff held accountable for his part in having ICE as a partner versus his citizens and the County. We want truth.

Thank you,

Shirlee and Larry Heitman

*Listed of credited sources can be supplied if needed

Katherine Douglas

From: michel.boudreaux@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 1:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sheriff Bill Brown's accomodation of ICE at the jail

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I wish to object to Sheriff Bill Brown's notifying ICE of the imminent release of undocumented persons from county jails. I object to his choice to spend my tax dollars this way. He has no obligation to use the department's time to benefit the federal government.

Sincerely,
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Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Katherine Douglas

From: Emily Lorenzana <emilylo@futureleadersnow.org>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item #6: "TRUTH Act Forum."

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Good afternoon Supervisors, my name is Emily Lorenzana and I am a Santa Barbara County resident. I am a member of Future Leaders of America. Ending the SBCSO's voluntary collaboration with ICE is a positive and necessary step in supporting equal due process and greater public safety for all. By separating local law enforcement agencies from federal immigration enforcement, the Sheriff Office can build trust with all residents in Santa Barbara County.

Sheriff Brown has never declined an ICE transfer request that he considered to be SB 54 eligible, even though California law gives him complete discretion to disregard those requests as many other sheriffs do. This is a clear case of aiding and abetting a system and institution that activity harms and may even result in the death of community members.

ICE collaboration is not required by any law. Many other CA jurisdictions and counties have ended collaboration with ICE. For example, the San Mateo County Sheriff is no longer responding to ICE inmate transfer requests. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office can end cooperation with ICE at any time.

Our county sheriff's office should not encroach on the rights of any residents and assist any institution that infringes our civil rights. Our county government and Sheriff's Office should respect and uphold every person's humanity and human rights, regardless of their immigration status.

I call on the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office to protect our community's wellbeing and safety, respect the rule of law and due process by ENDING all non-legally required ICE transfers, release date notifications, and enabling ICE arrests in Santa Barbara County. Please join the 10+ counties that have already ended ICE collusion. Thank you.

Best,



Emily Lorenzana (she/her/ella)

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From: Jasmin Martin <jasmin@futureleadersnow.org>
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To: sbcob
Subject: TRUTH Act Forum- Public Comment

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Hello Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for the TRUTH Act. As community members, we have the right to transparency and accountability from our local law enforcement agencies. We deserve access to public records and information regarding any interactions or cooperation between the Police Department and ICE.

The role of law enforcement is to protect and serve the community. However, it is difficult to feel safe when there is a lack of transparency about who the Police Department is working with and what actions are being taken behind closed doors. There is no legal requirement for the police department to do ICE's work or work with ICE but what is a requirement for the police department is to listen and help the community. When local agencies assist in the detention or deportation of our neighbors, it does not make our communities safer. Instead, it creates fear, erodes trust, and leaves many residents feeling watched, targeted, and unsupported. Transparency is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring that law enforcement remains accountable to the people it serves.

I hope you listen to the concerned community members.

Best,



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Subject: TRUTH Act forum

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Hello

I am writing to comment on the upcoming TRUTH Act Forum at the County Board of supervisors meeting tomorrow in Santa Maria.

As a Carpinteria resident and someone who works in agriculture, I work side by side with many immigrants. I see the value in their work and the humanity in their life here, and I also work with many "blended" families where some family members are documented and some are not.

I was horrified to read of the Father's Day ICE raids in Santa Barbara yesterday. At my workplace, at the end of the day I often see the laborers on the WhatsApp or phone with their families back home and it really brought home to me the deliberate cruelty of some of these raids. I am sure there are occasional ICE apprehensions that are legitimate but far and away it seems maliciously targeted against people who are just trying to support their families by doing the jobs no one else wants.

Please hold our Sheriff accountable and stress that they should limit their interactions with ICE to the bare legal minimum, stop all non required information sharing and fail access to federal immigration authorities, AND protect Americans from being attacked by these ICE thugs.

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Carpinteria CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Mariekboudreaux <mariekboudreaux@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re TRUTH Act Forum, June 23,2026.

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I strongly object to the current practice of the sheriff of Santa Barbara in assisting ICE. Immigration issues are a responsibility of the federal government.

ICE is extremely well funded. ICE does not need donations from employees or elected officials of the county of Santa Barbara.

It is clear that many of the practices of ICE are extremely controversial.

These controversies need to be evaluated and resolved by the American people through legislative and judicial processes, not by allowing county employees or elected officials, not associated with the ICE program to act according to their own whim.

Sincerely,

Marie Boudreaux