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Public Comment: Vote NO on Layoffs & NO Transference of Undocumented Community Subject:

Members - Protect Immigrant Communities & Healthcare Access

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Dear Chair Capps, and County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the proposed layoffs of more than 100 county employees who provide critical healthcare and social services, and the immediate stop of the transference of 7,500 undocumented immigrant community members, and to maintain them within the Santa Barbara County Public Health (SBCPH) system.

This proposal threatens not only the livelihoods of county workers but also the healthcare access of thousands of undocumented and immigrant families who depend on healthcare and mental health services, particularly during these times.

Labor Rights are Immigrant Rights - and access to healthcare is a human right. Please stand with our community and protect both the workers and the families they serve.

I ask you to reject these layoffs, and halt any relocation and transferance to outside clinics and hospitals of undocumented immigrant beneficiaries of Medi-Cal within the Santa Barbara Public Health system, and invest in protecting the health and dignity of all Santa Barbara County residents.

Sincerely, Vanessa Terán Director of Policy **MICOP**

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