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Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 4:56 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Vanessa Teran
Subject: Agenda #A-4 // Please formalize of a policy to end all ICE collusion in Santa Barbara County



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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

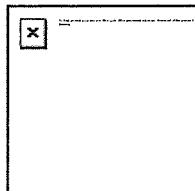
My name is Alondra Mendoza, and I am a community advocate with the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project in Ventura County. I urge the Sheriff's office and Board of Supervisors to formalize a policy to end all transfers and notifications to ICE. Santa Barbara County families and communities should be reunited with their loved ones, not subjected to ICE's abusive detention and deportation practices, an extra punishment that no citizen faces on top of their sentence.

I write to share with you a story of an Indigenous Mixteco community member who was deported to Mexico due to ICE. This individual lived in Oregon many years ago and had a deportation order. When this person decided to get his CA Driver's License in California, he soon was found at his address by ICE. They arrested him and immediately deported him to Mexico. He left behind his entire family, his wife, and four children. Now the mother is the sole breadwinner of the house. The oldest son is now starting to work to help his mother cover their home expenses and basic needs. They do not have plans to move back to Mexico to reunite with their father because their oldest child is looking forward to pursuing college and to set the example for his three younger brothers to seek higher education. It is unfair that our community members and their families are being torn apart by ICE. All of his children deserve to have their father here in California so that he has an opportunity to provide and care for them, as well as to give them the socio-emotional support that every child needs from their parents. Mixed status families deserved to stay and have an opportunity to achieve the American dream.

Thank you,

Alondra Mendoza

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Subject: ICE

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Please explain your current ICE policies in contrast to over 5 years ago when you captured and transferred over 500 people in one year to ICE and deported people that specifically broke up families and stated your policy was to not capture and send immigrants to ICE . Currently ?you are continuing to practice the same policies you denied when Sheriff Brown was in charge? As a resident and voter for 2 decades I request you offer an explanation and specifically show exactly what you are doing. Thank you.

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