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I have lived in Goleta / Noleta my entire life and am very concerned about our immigrant neighbors.

Immigrants contribute so much to our economy and culture but are at the mercy of outdated laws because Congress can't collaborate to improve our immigration laws.

Because these issues are blocked at the national level, it's up to us at the local level to protect our immigrant neighbors. The one thing in our power locally to protect our immigrant neighbors is to have the Sheriff Department stop all ICE notifications and transfers to stop separating immigrant families.

Of course if an immigrant commits a crime, they should go through our justice system and serve their time. But I believe it's not a crime to cross the border in search of a better life and economic opportunity. My great grandparents were able to enter through Ellis Island and apply for citizenship within a few years with no skills or English language abilities. Today's immigrants do not have the same opportunities as my great grandparents did due to our outdated laws.

Immigrants now deserve the same opportunities for success as my great grandparents had, it's not their fault that the laws are outdated and onerous.

Please consider mandating that the Sheriff Department stop all ICE notifications and transfers to stop separating our immigrant families.

Thank you.

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