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Please find attached a public comment of agenda item D1, 8/26/25

8/21/25

To: Director, Los Angeles Field Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

From: Tom Becker

Subject: Invitation to appear before Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

On July 21, 2025, the Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) sent an invitation to your office, requesting that ICE representatives appear before the BOS at an unspecified date.

This coming Tuesday, August 26, the BOS will hold a hearing concerning ICE operations in Santa Barbara County and the State of California. A copy of the aforementioned July 21 invitation was included in the agenda packet.

On July 10, 2025, a riot erupted at an ICE enforcement operation in Carpinteria, CA. During the riot, an ICE agent was wounded by a rock thrown by someone in the violent crowd. During that riot, U.S. Congressional Representative Carbajal was clearly seen on multiple video recordings striking an ICE agent in the chest. Carbajal struck the agent while forcing his way through a security perimeter.

On July 14 and July 15, DHS posted press releases stating that Carbajal doxed an ICE agent, then incited the violent crowd to attack the agent, which resulted in the agent being wounded.

The Santa Barbara BOS supports Carbajal's actions, and is giving money and support to people and organizations who label ICE agents as "kidnappers", "nazis" and "terrorists".

It was reported that at least one member of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors was part of the violent mob.

Before you agree to appear in front of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, be aware that the BOS, Carbajal and many of their supporters are actively fomenting hatred towards ICE agents. This is being done to intimidate federal law enforcement. Don't let them fool you into believing they can be reasoned with.

The lives of ICE agents are on the line. Do not allow people who commit violence or incite violence against ICE/DHS personnel to get away with it. Showing an unwillingness to prosecute crimes of violence/incitement, will only encourage an already vicious group of people to ramp up their aggression.

Tom Becker

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