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Subject: Submission by IMPORTA Santa Barbara to the Board
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Correction: This is relevant to the review of the Truth Act, not the Trust Act.

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

The below attachment is part of our input on the Board's review of the Sheriff's compliance with the Trust Act.

Recommendation that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Investigate Covert Cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and ICE

We believe that our Sheriff's Department is not fully complying with California State law (the Trust Act, the Truth Act, and the Values Act). Our clients have described cases in which immigrants held in the jail are released out of a back exit where ICE agents were waiting to arrest them. These ICE arrests include arrests of persons not convicted of any crime, and in some cases not even charged with a crime.

We are also concerned about the very high number of ICE arrests in Santa Barbara County (more than one per day as shown in the spreadsheet on the other side of this page). It is important to know how many of these arrests were of prisoners released from the jail, and the full extent of the cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and ICE in these arrests. Since much of the following is based on anecdotal information we believe that investigation by the Board of Supervisors, including use of the State Public Records Act, is needed to determine the truth. Here are five areas of concern:

1. Santa Barbara bail and pretrial evaluation procedures are such that the majority of persons held in the Santa Barbara County jail are not serving sentences but are being held in pretrial detention. The vast majority of undocumented immigrants fall into this category.
2. Undocumented immigrants are apparently profiled at the time of booking through intake practices designed to identify undocumented immigrants. This enables jail staff to compile lists of suspected undocumented immigrants which may then be covertly passed to ICE.
3. In the recent past the release times of inmates were provided on the Department website. This practice began after passage of legislation that prohibited direct contacts with ICE. According to the Northern California ACLU, "sheriffs have taken advantage of the "publicly available" exception to provide ICE with release time information" (Report 10, 2/11/22). Is information on the release times of prisoners still available as public information in Santa Barbara County?
4. ICE were being made at the County Jail by ICE officers who, aware of the times of release, awaited immigrants in non-public areas of the jail or just outside at back or side exits. This clearly indicates collusion with ICE. Do these types of releases still occur?
5. In many counties, gross underreporting of cooperation with ICE occurs in annual reports requiring information on transfers of released to ICE under the claim that these prearranged ICE arrests at the jail do not constitute "transfers." Is this true of Santa Barbara County?

State & County Immigration Court Representation Statistics

Immigrants arrested by ICE are placed in Removal Proceedings in Immigration Court	In Removal	% Represented	Last 90 Days	% Represented
California	215,969	64.2%	21,278	23.4%
LA Co	73,131	62.3%	6,409	17.2%
Orange Co	11,000	65.9%	1,307	15.8%
Ventura Co	2,763	61.0%	165	17.6%
Santa Barbara Co	1,757	62.0%	105	12.4%

Statistics for Immigration Subdivisions of Santa Barbara County

Santa Maria	902	65.9%	24	8.3%
Santa Barbara	459	61.4%	40	22.5%
Lompoc	234	45.7%	35	5.7%
Guadalupe	75	78.3%	3	0.0%
Solvang-Santa Inez	49	49.0%	3	0.0%
Carpinteria	28	78.6%	0	0.0%
Cuyama	11	45.5%	0	0

These data covering the period through August 2022 were compiled from the Syracuse University TRAC immigration FOIA project: trac.scr.edu/phptools/immigration/addressrep/ The Santa Barbara and Ventura County representation rates are below the state average and below the averages for LA and Orange Counties. Immigrants detained in the last 90 days are among the most vulnerable-and Santa Barbara has an extremely low representation rate for them. This is especially true for immigrants from Santa Maria and Lompoc as shown in the second spreadsheet. Grants provide extensive support for lawyers representing unaccompanied minors so it is likely that a majority of immigrants from Santa Barbara County in immigration court were arrested by ICE on release from the Santa Barbara County Jail through information provided to ICE by the Sheriff's Department. IMPORTA strongly recommends an in-depth investigation of the Sheriff's Department by the County Supervisors to determine the number of ICE arrests at the jail at the time of release and the means by which ICE receives notice of the time of prisoner release.

Data Prepared by IMPORTA Santa Barbara. For more information IMPORTA may be contacted at admin@importasb.org

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From: Tania M. Reyes <tania@fundforsantabarbara.org>
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We demand that the Sheriff's Office stop **ALL** collaboration with ICE, including: (1) Stop notifying ICE of release dates, (2), stop ICE transfers, (3) stop ICE interviews at county facilities.

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