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Dear County Clerk Clerk of the Board,

My name is Colyn Messecar, and I am a resident of Oxnard.

United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 770 stands with Ventura County residents in urging the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) to cease voluntary collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). As a union committed to protecting workers' rights and promoting safe and inclusive communities, we are concerned that VCSO's practices—proactively notifying ICE of release dates and facilitating transfers into ICE custody—undermine trust, divide families, and weaken our collective security.

According to a recent report from the California Attorney General's Office, the VCSO transferred nearly three times as many people to ICE in 2023 as it did in 2022. Ventura County is one of only 11 counties in California whose sheriff facilitated ICE transfers in 2023, a practice many counties have already abandoned in the interest of supporting safe and healthy communities for all residents.

Research shows that police entanglement with immigration enforcement discourages individuals from reporting crimes, particularly in cases of domestic violence, human trafficking, and workplace abuse. Many of our members are immigrants or are part of immigrant families, and their well-being and trust in local institutions are vital to both our workplaces and our communities. The VCSO itself has stated that community trust is key to effective policing. Ending collaboration with ICE will help rebuild this trust and ensure that all individuals feel safe to come forward without fear of deportation.

As a union that values family unity and strong communities, we urge the VCSO to join the many other California counties that have ended voluntary ICE collaboration. By taking this step, VCSO can demonstrate its commitment to treating everyone in our community with fairness and respect. This vital change will allow our communities to thrive.

Sincerely,  
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