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Dear Supervisors:

As a Newbury Park resident, I support the 2020 adoption of Resolution 20-126 to work to overcome racism in our County. I believe that the Sheriff's department's voluntary cooperation with ICE continues a systemic form of racism because it impacts people of color more heavily and unnecessarily increases distrust of law enforcement for whole communities.

I strongly believe Ventura County should limit cooperation with ICE to only mandatory cases with judge ordered warrants. Studies have shown that when people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crime or come forward as witnesses. That impacts safety and well being for everyone. Our county can thrive as we build more equitable practices that safeguard and value all residents.

Sincerely,
Barbara Leighton

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