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**From:** alvaro.de.regil@jussemper.org  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] VCBS 7/23 NoVoteItem#39

Dear Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett

This letter requesting a NO VOTE is in reference to Agenda Item #39:

As a community we have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of ICE intrusions in our communities in order to protect our most vulnerable residents of Ventura County. The state of California passed SB54 in order to secure privacy protections that end the release of sensitive personal information about our residents of which were previously used to advance mass deportations. California now leads the nation in the prevention of the utilization of the role local law enforcements entanglement into ICE activities. In addition, California has curtailed the role of state and local police agencies in federal immigration enforcement.

The proposed grant(item #39), among other actions, will embolden our Ventura County Sheriff Department to engage in border security and border protection with CBP and the county of San Diego. Both acceptance of OPSG (Operation Stonegarden Program), and the participation in OPSG will utilize VCSD personnel and resources toward border security when the VCSD resources are needed here in Ventura County to address important issues of human trafficking, the rise in white supremacists gangs and other important local issues that ensure the safety of Ventura County residents.

Effective community policing in the communities of Ventura County will be eroded if you pass this resolution which allows the Ventura County Sheriff Department to receive funds from DHS (Department of Homeland Security) to accomplish the following program objectives; "to increase capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues". Further, the Ventura County Sheriff Department is utilizing a funding program's mandate which is based on "risk to the security of the border" a mandate which is not applicable to our Central Coast here in Ventura County.

Voting to approve this resolution is a betrayal of our values as a community which stands behind our immigrant residents.

I am requesting that you do not approve Item #39 and respectfully demonstrate your commitment to ending the utilization of the Ventura County Sheriff department as a tool for intrusive Federal Immigration actions that are destroying our communities.

Sincerely,

Álvaro J. de Regil  
The Jus Semper Global Alliance

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**From:** Maricela Morales <maricela@causenow.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 3:04 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Zaragoza, John; Parks, Linda  
**Subject:** [External] No on Item 39

Dear Board Chair and County Supervisors Bennett, Zaragoza and Parks,

CAUSE urges your No Vote on Item #39 on calendar for tomorrow, July 23rd:

**ITEM#39 SHERIFF'S OFFICE #39.** *(Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$390,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security Funds from the Fiscal Year 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program from the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department; Authorization for the Sheriff to Sign the Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant and the Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2018 Grant Assurances to Receive Funds for the Sheriff's Office Participation in the Joint Operations Task Force with the County of San Diego; Adoption of a Resolution in Support of the 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program; and Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Budgetary Transactions. RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE*

**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Program**

Amongst immigrant rights advocates statewide, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department has a reputation of being only too eager to increase collaboration with ICE and Customs and Border Patrol. As recently as 2017, then Sheriff Dean was a very active and vocal opponent of the California Values Act, SB 54 to protect immigrants from federal agency over-reach in collaboration with local law enforcement.

Under the current President, Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) has demonstrated it has no regard for basic human rights when it comes to immigrants. Separating families and holding children in cages has been the work of CBP. The anti-human rights actions of CBP under this administration makes taking money from CBP highly suspect and cannot be trusted.

CAUSE urges a no vote on Item 39.

Sincerely,

**Maricela Morales MA**  
Executive Director

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**From:** Lynn Edmonds <lynn@myonestep.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 2:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Please view AGAINST accepting money from ICE!

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**From:** Barbara Leighton <beleighton@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 3:14 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO VOTE on ITEM#39 SHERIFF'S OFFICE 39

Dear Supervisor Bennett:

Please vote NO on Item#39 that would authorize the Sheriff to accept \$390,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security Funds.

We need to stop further militarization of our communities and instead work for safety measures that respect the worth and dignity of all residents. Law enforcement should remain separate from immigration enforcement in order to maintain community trust and communication that can be essential to stopping serious crime.

I hope you can uphold California values and vote NO on this measure.

Sincerely,

Barbara Leighton

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**From:** Annika Forester <annikaforester@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Cattle, Cindy; Offerman, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Vote NO on Operation Stonegarden Grant

This is a Trojan Horse, a wolf in sheep's clothing. These funds are intended for anti-terrorism and anti-narcotrafficking but it's a back door way CBP and ICE will seek to engage our county employees in the devastating separation of local families and loss of local workers. The chilling effect in our communities as more and more residents lose faith and trust for law enforcement will drive up fear all around, and drive down our local economy: more absenteeism in schools as parents are afraid to drive kids to school, more unreported domestic abuse and violence as victims are afraid to report crimes....not to mention more 'false positive' and arrest, detention, and deportation of law-abiding, hard-working, and even veterans and US citizens. Please do not let our county employees and public servants fall for this 'blood money.'

Thank you  
Annika Forester  
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**From:** julie martinez <casaartearch@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Fw: 07/23 Sheriff/DHS

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Sincerely,

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[Operation Stonegarden \(OPSG\) Program](#)

<https://rewire.news/article/2019/03/27/despite-sanctuary-law-california-cops-bend-over-backwards-to-work-with-ice/>

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