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**From:** Dana Worsnop <rev.dana.worsnop@uuventura.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Please Keep ICE Out

Dear Supervisor Bennett, Steve,

I am disturbed to hear that our county CEO is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept \$390,000 from the Department of Homeland Security so that Ventura County will participate in joint operations with San Diego and DHS.

I believe that we are all less safe when the Sheriff's Department cooperates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement because it makes perfectly law-abiding county residents more fearful of law enforcement. In turn, they become less likely to report crimes for fear of drawing attention to themselves, loved ones, and friends who could run into difficulties with immigration and visa issues.

Yes, ICE has a job to do, but the county does not need to assist them.  
There is plenty to keep me and my neighbors safe.

We need to build a trust between the Sheriff's Dept. and all people living in our county. There is so much more we can accomplish with trust rather than fear.

I urge you to vote no on this recommendation.

Thanks for listening,  
Dana

Rev. Dana Worsnop  
2358 Mohican Ln.  
Ventura  
Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

*The best days to reach me are Monday through Thursday. Friday is my Sabbath. Please allow 2-3 days for me to reply to your email.*  
503-312-0401

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**From:** Jan Standing-Roberts <billbillandjan@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 6:04 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item for Ventura County Sheriff on ICE task force

Please vote no on this. It will make the vulnerable members of our community fearful. They may stop going to work or school and reporting any crimes they may know about.

Think carefully about this.

Jan Standing-Roberts

503 Mint Lane

Ventura, CA 93001

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Indivisible Ventura <indivisibleventura@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item #39 - Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$390, 000 in U.S. DHS Funds from the FY 2018 Operation Stonegarden

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Dear Ventura County Supervisor Bennett,

Item #39 on the consent calendar has a lot of us in your district confused and concerned. By putting a contract between the US Dept. of Homeland Security and our Sheriff's office on the Consent Calendar, a venue for "routine and non-controversial" matters, appears to be a endrun around civilian oversight on an issue that is critically important to your constituents, especially those of us who spent countless hours working for the passage of SB54.

We have written a post about this.

<https://indivisibleventura.org/2019/07/22/mon-7-22-tell-our-county-supervisors-to-just-say-no-to-operation-stonegardens-bait/>

What, for example, does the highlighted section below mean? Why do we need federal agents to join us in the effort of enforcing our own local and state laws? How does this not become a federal matter when federal staff directs the actions and is involved in them? What would an enforcement action even look like? Why do they need our people?

And who in the world thought this was the same level of concern as a street repair and put in on the consent calendar?

(from

<http://bosagenda.countyofventura.org/sirepub/cache/2/bzyhjb1vehqi5hznqiy34trm/136317807222019102152182.PDF>,  
Section 4.2)

## **I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **4.1 Method of Service Delivery**

SHERIFF will maintain the OPSG grant, oversee the funding allocation of the PARTIES, and will be administratively responsible for coordination of PARTIES' obligations under this Agreement. The SHERIFF's OPSG program will be staffed as described in section 6. STANDARDS OF SERVICE: OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.

### **4.2 Overview of Basic Services**

PARTIES will provide OPSG Operations ("Operations") by increasing law enforcement presence in each PARTY's designated jurisdiction and in coordination with other OPSG partner agencies in order to support the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection efforts in the region to improve border security. PARTIES will enforce local and state laws, and will not enforce or aid in the enforcement of immigration laws on behalf of Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol.

What other jurisdictions got, like Pima County, was a militarized police force of deputies on overtime pay, running an abusive traffic-stopping campaign with what appeared to be racial profiling. Public pressure against the abuses of power were so large, including a hearing room full of angry people, that the BOS turned down the contract presented to them

in 2018, along with \$1.4 million dollars. The sheriff there had to make serious operational and transparency concessions before they approved a contract in 2019. And that was in Arizona.

Look up Operation Stonegarden, and the word “corruption” pops up. There are a number of jurisdictions who’ve been accused of misusing funds. There are also issues with local law enforcement personnel working long hours to obtain high overtime salaries, leaving their communities with tired, judgement-compromised officers.

This is California, a state that passed a significant bill limiting the mixing of federal, state and local issues as regards to immigration. Please pull this matter from the Consent Calendar, because in no way does this represent a “routine and non-controversial” issue”. Reschedule this as a full agenda item, with a presentation from both the Sheriff’s office and the DHS, an interpretation by the County Counsel on how this will not impact our own laws and a discussion of the conditions that the Pima Co. sheriff had to agree to. We are already way behind on “transparency” and as an active and involved constituency, we deserve better than this.

Yours truly,

Adriene Coulter  
Co-Director  
[IndivisibleVentura.org](http://IndivisibleVentura.org)  
indivisibleventura@gmail.com

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**From:** Anna Elledge <annaelledge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:56 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] ICE

Hi Steve -

Just heard that a new grant will require cooperation with ICE here in Ventura. Writing to encourage you to vote NO on this tomorrow.

Thank you!

Anna Elledge

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**From:** Betsy Bachman <eabirder916@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item #39

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Sincerely,

Betsy Bachman

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**From:** Bill Barclay <chocolatehouse@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Vote against Operation Stonegarden Money

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Sincerely,

Dr. William Barclay

Ventura CA 93003

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**From:** Cathy Olson <cathygolson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:59 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Agenda item 39

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Sincerely,

Gloria Catherine Olson

Sent from my iPhone



League of United Latin American Citizens  
District 17  
P. O. Box 369  
Oxnard, CA 93061

July 22, 2019

County of Ventura  
Board of Supervisors  
800 So. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93012  
Steve Bennett, Chair  
Linda Parks  
Robert Huber  
Kelly Long, Vice Chair  
John Zaragoza

**Re: Opposition to Consent item 39 on the Board's July 23rd agenda.**

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Board of Supervisors;

This comes to you from the League of United Latin American Citizens. LULAC District 17 is a national Latino civil rights organization. We are opposed to Consent item 39 on the Board's July 23rd agenda. The Board will consider approval of accepting pass through funding for services related to law enforcement activities jointly with other jurisdictions, including the Department of Homeland Security. This type of blind consent creates distrust between public agencies and the community. It also appears as transparency *after the fact*, since the agreement before you today is for the years 2018 thru 2021. Therefore, we ask that transparency and community dialogue be open and on going prior to approvals such as this agenda item.

Additionally, at the required annual hearing for SB54 Truth Act, December, 2018, LULAC District 17 provided public comment and asked several questions at the Board of Supervisor meeting. Ventura County law enforcement was less than completely transparent in their responses. In fact, the Probation Chief did not present the Probation Agency's protocols; only Sheriff Ayub presented and responded to audience questions.

Another concern is that, regardless of SB 54, some counties like **L.A. County and Orange County** work hand in hand with Homeland Security (ICE) via a 287g Agreement. They are listed as parties to the agreement. This would put Ventura County Law Enforcement in a situation whereby a joint use agreement could be interpreted by local law enforcement as binding on our local Sheriff Department or Probation Agency to work in violation of SB 54, even though Ventura County does not have a 287g agreement.

We understand that this item authorizes reimbursement for previous actions.

We ask that Ventura County law enforcement adhere to the letter and intent of SB54 so that no future joint actions with Homeland Security occur. We ask that there be transparency to maintain public trust, rather than thru pass thru approvals that indicate action "after the fact".

We have a political climate that is increasingly creating fear and mistrust. It is important that all points of view be acknowledged and included in key decisions. While we understand that a consent item like this is very likely to pass, we submit these comments coming from a social justice perspective on behalf of Ventura County residents.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Salas', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cynthia Salas  
Deputy District Director  
LULAC District 17  
(805) 665-8611  
[Csalas.lulac@gmail.com](mailto:Csalas.lulac@gmail.com)

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**From:** Elizabeth Jurgensen <ejurgensen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:27 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External]

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jurgensen

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Elizabeth Jurgensen  
818-427-4273

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**From:** Erin Hakim <erin.p.hakim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 9:07 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO VOTE to Agenda Item #39

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Sincerely,

*Erin Hakim*

*352 Aliso St. Ventura, CA 93001*

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**From:** janet murphy <raven8jm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:09 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO VOTE on agenda item#39.

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Requesting a **NO VOTE on agenda item#39.**

Thank you,  
Janet Murphy  
Moorpark

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** John Hydar <jvhydar@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:40 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Consent Agenda Item # 39 -- OPPOSE THIS

Dear Steve,

I urge you to turn down Consent Agenda Item #39 -- "Operation Stonegarden" at the board meeting tomorrow, July 23. Homeland Security is trying to steamroll our local law enforcement personnel into doing the work of ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is not worth \$390,000 to besmirch Ventura County and the sheriff's department into acting as a part of ICE. The issues are clear and compelling: the federal government is engaged in hateful and, yes, criminal activity in carrying out the agenda of a racist president. This probably contravenes our state laws. Get it off of the consent agenda and lets face the bribery attempt for what it is. We do not need to be a part of such hatred.

Sincerely,  
John Hydar  
6965 Heron St  
Ventura, CA 93003

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**From:** Kitty Merrill <kitty\_merrill@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:36 PM  
**To:** Long, Kelly  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve; Zaragoza, John; Supervisor Huber; Parks, Linda; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** [External] 7/23's Agenda Item 39

Supervisor Long:

As your constituent, I request that you pull Item 39 from the consent agenda for tomorrow. It is controversial enough that I have received several emails about it this evening. It deserves to be discussed in open session.

Thank you,  
Kitty Merrill  
4411 Beaumont Ave.  
Oxnard, CA 93033

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**From:** Lisa Wolfe <wolfestrong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item 39--urgent

Hi Mr. Bennett,

I reside in Ventura, and I love my immigrant neighbors and my friends at the farmer's market; I've become aware of Item 39 on your agenda tomorrow, and I am urging you to vote NO.

Our county needs its farm laborers, our county needs the fresh blood that immigration brings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elisabeth Wolfe

Ventura, CA 93001

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**From:** Lucy Cartagena <lucycartagena@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item 39 on agenda

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John,

I urge you to please demand transparency on item 39.

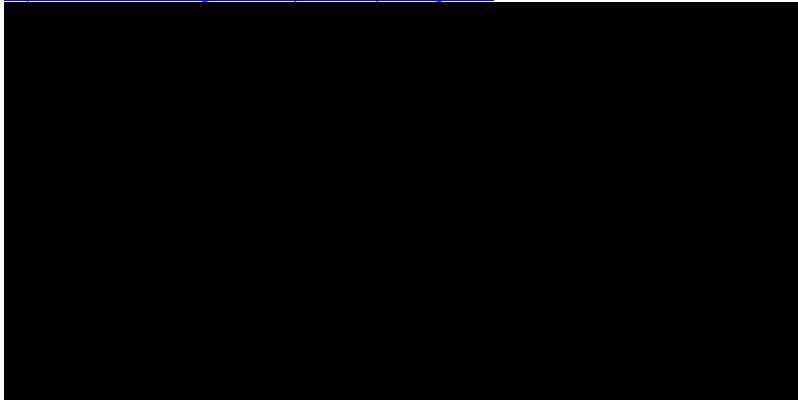
It is funding from Grant from homeland and ICE.

It is very specific and requires collaboration between agencies!

We the community worked to hard to have the good ol boys from the sherriffs reinstate what we finally dismantled!!

Here is the link to the grant.

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



**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)  
Program**

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Lucy cartagena

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**From:** Marguerite Stouthamer <marguerite.stouthamer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:38 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO Vote on agenda item #39 on July 23

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Marguerite Stouthamer

4401 Sierra Drive

Ventura, CA 93003

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Mary Chaney <mchaney0313@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] StoneGarden

Steve

Hoping you will vote NO on #39. I do not like this administration trying to change our existing California law.

Thank-you, Mark

Sent from my iPad

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Patti Strickland <patti13strick@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 5:03 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Do not vote for US department of Homeland security funds

DO NOT SUPPORT THIS!

**On Tuesday 7/23, the Ventura County CEO is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve a "memo" accepting \$390,000 for the Sheriff's cooperating on ICE task forces. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/Item 39. Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$390,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security Funds...from the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department... for the Sheriff's Office Participation in the Joint Operations Task Force with the County of San Diego. REQUIRES 4/5 VOTE. CEO SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**If allowed to go through, this is a danger to our communities. All will be affected by the heightened fear that prevents people from going to their work and schools and from reporting crimes.**

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS!

Patricia Strickland  
Ventura, CA 93004

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Dana Worsnop <rev.dana.worsnop@uuventura.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Please Keep ICE Out

Dear Supervisor Bennett, Steve,

I am disturbed to hear that our county CEO is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept \$390,000 from the Department of Homeland Security so that Ventura County will participate in joint operations with San Diego and DHS.

I believe that we are all less safe when the Sheriff's Department cooperates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement because it makes perfectly law-abiding county residents more fearful of law enforcement. In turn, they become less likely to report crimes for fear of drawing attention to themselves, loved ones, and friends who could run into difficulties with immigration and visa issues.

Yes, ICE has a job to do, but the county does not need to assist them.  
There is plenty to keep me and my neighbors safe.

We need to build a trust between the Sheriff's Dept. and all people living in our county. There is so much more we can accomplish with trust rather than fear.

I urge you to vote no on this recommendation.

Thanks for listening,  
Dana

Rev. Dana Worsnop  
2358 Mohican Ln.  
Ventura  
Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

*The best days to reach me are Monday through Thursday. Friday is my Sabbath. Please allow 2-3 days for me to reply to your email.*  
503-312-0401

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Anna Elledge <annaelledge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:56 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] ICE

Hi Steve -

Just heard that a new grant will require cooperation with ICE here in Ventura. Writing to encourage you to vote NO on this tomorrow.

Thank you!

Anna Elledge

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Betsy Bachman <eabirder916@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item #39

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Sincerely,

Betsy Bachman

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Bill Barclay <chocolatehouse@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Vote against Operation Stonegarden Money

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Sincerely,

Dr. William Barclay

Ventura CA 93003

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Cathy Olson <cathygolson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:59 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Agenda item 39

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Sincerely,

Gloria Catherine Olson

Sent from my iPhone

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Kitty Merrill <kitty\_merrill@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:36 PM  
**To:** Long, Kelly  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve; Zaragoza, John; Supervisor Huber; Parks, Linda; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** [External] 7/23's Agenda Item 39

Supervisor Long:

As your constituent, I request that you pull Item 39 from the consent agenda for tomorrow. It is controversial enough that I have received several emails about it this evening. It deserves to be discussed in open session.

Thank you,  
Kitty Merrill  
4411 Beaumont Ave.  
Oxnard, CA 93033

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Lisa Wolfe <wolfestrong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item 39--urgent

Hi Mr. Bennett,

I reside in Ventura, and I love my immigrant neighbors and my friends at the farmer's market; I've become aware of Item 39 on your agenda tomorrow, and I am urging you to vote NO.

Our county needs its farm laborers, our county needs the fresh blood that immigration brings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elisabeth Wolfe

Ventura, CA 93001

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Lucy Cartagena <lucycartagena@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 4:55 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item 39 on agenda

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John,

I urge you to please demand transparency on item 39.

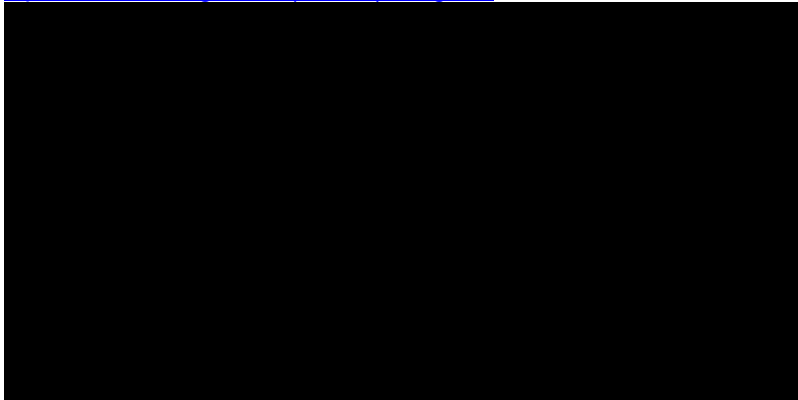
It is funding from Grant from homeland and ICE.

It is very specific and requires collaboration between agencies!

We the community worked to hard to have the good ol boys from the sherriffs reinstate what we finally dismantled!!

Here is the link to the grant.

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



**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)  
Program**

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Lucy cartagena

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Marguerite Stouthamer <marguerite.stouthamer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:38 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO Vote on agenda item #39 on July 23

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4401 Sierra Drive

Ventura, CA 93003

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** ruth  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Local cooperation with ICE

Dear Supervisor Bennett,

I am a resident of your district who implores you to vote against the cooperation of the Ventura Sheriff with ICE. I saw the fear and disruption caused the fear of ICE deportation years ago when our temple (TBT) ran a summer lunch program at a church in Oxnard for mostly Latino children. Some days there were over 25 kids who came to eat. Other times only one or two came because there were rumors of an ICE Sweep and families were afraid to leave their homes. These are hard working, good people who contribute to our way of life and economy.

Another example of the cruelty of the deportation machine was the deportation of a Minister and his wife in Oxnard who had lived here over 25 years.

Seven local clergy joined an interfaith group at Ice Headquarters to vouch for this couple. Their crime was incorrectly filing a paper decades ago. They were deported.

Supervisor Bennett, I do not believe in open borders. But until a fair system of immigration is put in place, it is inhumane to break up families in this way, unless a serious crime was committed. Please vote NO on the acceptance of \$390,000 for the Sheriff's support of ICE.

Ruth Schwartz  
93003

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Siobhan McDevitt <watchthehummingbird@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:08 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] REJECT Operation Stonegarden

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Sincerely,

Siobhan McDevitt

Ojai, Ca

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Jan Standing-Roberts <billbillandjan@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 6:04 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item for Ventura County Sheriff on ICE task force

Please vote no on this. It will make the vulnerable members of our community fearful. They may stop going to work or school and reporting any crimes they may know about.

Think carefully about this.

Jan Standing-Roberts

503 Mint Lane

Ventura, CA 93001

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Indivisible Ventura <indivisibleventura@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Item #39 - Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$390, 000 in U.S. DHS Funds from the FY 2018 Operation Stonegarden

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Dear Ventura County Supervisor Bennett,

Item #39 on the consent calendar has a lot of us in your district confused and concerned. By putting a contract between the US Dept. of Homeland Security and our Sheriff's office on the Consent Calendar, a venue for "routine and non-controversial" matters, appears to be a endrun around civilian oversight on an issue that is critically important to your constituents, especially those of us who spent countless hours working for the passage of SB54.

We have written a post about this.

<https://indivisibleventura.org/2019/07/22/mon-7-22-tell-our-county-supervisors-to-just-say-no-to-operation-stonegardens-bait/>

What, for example, does the highlighted section below mean? Why do we need federal agents to join us in the effort of enforcing our own local and state laws? How does this not become a federal matter when federal staff directs the actions and is involved in them? What would an enforcement action even look like? Why do they need our people?

And who in the world thought this was the same level of concern as a street repair and put in on the consent calendar?

(from

<http://bosagenda.countyofventura.org/sirepub/cache/2/bzyhjb1vehqi5hznqiy34trm/136317807222019102152182.PDF>,  
Section 4.2)

## **I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **4.1 Method of Service Delivery**

SHERIFF will maintain the OPSG grant, oversee the funding allocation of the PARTIES, and will be administratively responsible for coordination of PARTIES' obligations under this Agreement. The SHERIFF's OPSG program will be staffed as described in section 6. STANDARDS OF SERVICE: OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.

### **4.2 Overview of Basic Services**

PARTIES will provide OPSG Operations ("Operations") by increasing law enforcement presence in each PARTY's designated jurisdiction and in coordination with other OPSG partner agencies in order to support the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection efforts in the region to improve border security. PARTIES will enforce local and state laws, and will not enforce or aid in the enforcement of immigration laws on behalf of Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol.

What other jurisdictions got, like Pima County, was a militarized police force of deputies on overtime pay, running an abusive traffic-stopping campaign with what appeared to be racial profiling. Public pressure against the abuses of power were so large, including a hearing room full of angry people, that the BOS turned down the contract presented to them

in 2018, along with \$1.4 million dollars. The sheriff there had to make serious operational and transparency concessions before they approved a contract in 2019. And that was in Arizona.

Look up Operation Stonegarden, and the word “corruption” pops up. There are a number of jurisdictions who’ve been accused of misusing funds. There are also issues with local law enforcement personnel working long hours to obtain high overtime salaries, leaving their communities with tired, judgement-compromised officers.

This is California, a state that passed a significant bill limiting the mixing of federal, state and local issues as regards to immigration. Please pull this matter from the Consent Calendar, because in no way does this represent a “routine and non-controversial” issue”. Reschedule this as a full agenda item, with a presentation from both the Sheriff’s office and the DHS, an interpretation by the County Counsel on how this will not impact our own laws and a discussion of the conditions that the Pima Co. sheriff had to agree to. We are already way behind on “transparency” and as an active and involved constituency, we deserve better than this.

Yours truly,

Adriene Coulter  
Co-Director  
[IndivisibleVentura.org](http://IndivisibleVentura.org)  
indivisibleventura@gmail.com



League of United Latin American Citizens  
District 17  
P. O. Box 369  
Oxnard, CA 93061

July 22, 2019

County of Ventura  
Board of Supervisors  
800 So. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93012  
Steve Bennett, Chair  
Linda Parks  
Robert Huber  
Kelly Long, Vice Chair  
John Zaragoza

**Re: Opposition to Consent item 39 on the Board's July 23rd agenda.**

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Board of Supervisors;

This comes to you from the League of United Latin American Citizens. LULAC District 17 is a national Latino civil rights organization. We are opposed to Consent item 39 on the Board's July 23rd agenda. The Board will consider approval of accepting pass through funding for services related to law enforcement activities jointly with other jurisdictions, including the Department of Homeland Security. This type of blind consent creates distrust between public agencies and the community. It also appears as transparency *after the fact*, since the agreement before you today is for the years 2018 thru 2021. Therefore, we ask that transparency and community dialogue be open and on going prior to approvals such as this agenda item.

Additionally, at the required annual hearing for SB54 Truth Act, December, 2018, LULAC District 17 provided public comment and asked several questions at the Board of Supervisor meeting. Ventura County law enforcement was less than completely transparent in their responses. In fact, the Probation Chief did not present the Probation Agency's protocols; only Sheriff Ayub presented and responded to audience questions.

Another concern is that, regardless of SB 54, some counties like **L.A. County and Orange County** work hand in hand with Homeland Security (ICE) via a 287g Agreement. They are listed as parties to the agreement. This would put Ventura County Law Enforcement in a situation whereby a joint use agreement could be interpreted by local law enforcement as binding on our local Sheriff Department or Probation Agency to work in violation of SB 54, even though Ventura County does not have a 287g agreement.

We understand that this item authorizes reimbursement for previous actions.

We ask that Ventura County law enforcement adhere to the letter and intent of SB54 so that no future joint actions with Homeland Security occur. We ask that there be transparency to maintain public trust, rather than thru pass thru approvals that indicate action "after the fact".

We have a political climate that is increasingly creating fear and mistrust. It is important that all points of view be acknowledged and included in key decisions. While we understand that a consent item like this is very likely to pass, we submit these comments coming from a social justice perspective on behalf of Ventura County residents.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Salas', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cynthia Salas  
Deputy District Director  
LULAC District 17  
(805) 665-8611  
[Csalas.lulac@gmail.com](mailto:Csalas.lulac@gmail.com)

**Gaines, Lori**

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**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:27 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External]

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jurgensen

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Elizabeth Jurgensen  
818-427-4273

**Gaines, Lori**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 9:07 AM  
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*Erin Hakim*

*352 Aliso St. Ventura, CA 93001*

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** janet murphy <raven8jm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:09 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] NO VOTE on agenda item#39.

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Requesting a **NO VOTE on agenda item#39.**

Thank you,  
Janet Murphy  
Moorpark

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** John Hydar <jvhydar@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 8:40 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Consent Agenda Item # 39 -- OPPOSE THIS

Dear Steve,

I urge you to turn down Consent Agenda Item #39 -- "Operation Stonegarden" at the board meeting tomorrow, July 23. Homeland Security is trying to steamroll our local law enforcement personnel into doing the work of ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is not worth \$390,000 to besmirch Ventura County and the sheriff's department into acting as a part of ICE. The issues are clear and compelling: the federal government is engaged in hateful and, yes, criminal activity in carrying out the agenda of a racist president. This probably contravenes our state laws. Get it off of the consent agenda and lets face the bribery attempt for what it is. We do not need to be a part of such hatred.

Sincerely,  
John Hydar  
6965 Heron St  
Ventura, CA 93003

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Mary Chaney <mchaney0313@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] StoneGarden

Steve

Hoping you will vote NO on #39. I do not like this administration trying to change our existing California law.

Thank-you, Mark

Sent from my iPad

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Patti Strickland <patti13strick@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 5:03 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Do not vote for US department of Homeland security funds

DO NOT SUPPORT THIS!

**On Tuesday 7/23, the Ventura County CEO is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve a "memo" accepting \$390,000 for the Sheriff's cooperating on ICE task forces. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/Item 39. Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$390,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security Funds...from the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department... for the Sheriff's Office Participation in the Joint Operations Task Force with the County of San Diego. REQUIRES 4/5 VOTE. CEO SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**If allowed to go through, this is a danger to our communities. All will be affected by the heightened fear that prevents people from going to their work and schools and from reporting crimes.**

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS!

Patricia Strickland  
Ventura, CA 93004

**Gaines, Lori**

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**From:** Rose Hayden-Smith <rosemariehaydensmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:25 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Please Vote No

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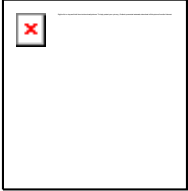
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**To:** Bennett, Steve  
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**To:** Bennett, Steve  
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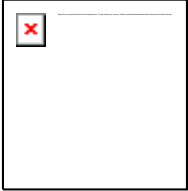
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**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 9:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** [External] Local cooperation with ICE

Dear Supervisor Bennett,

I am a resident of your district who implores you to vote against the cooperation of the Ventura Sheriff with ICE. I saw the fear and disruption caused the fear of ICE deportation years ago when our temple (TBT) ran a summer lunch program at a church in Oxnard for mostly Latino children. Some days there were over 25 kids who came to eat. Other times only one or two came because there were rumors of an ICE Sweep and families were afraid to leave their homes. These are hard working, good people who contribute to our way of life and economy.

Another example of the cruelty of the deportation machine was the deportation of a Minister and his wife in Oxnard who had lived here over 25 years.

Seven local clergy joined an interfaith group at Ice Headquarters to vouch for this couple. Their crime was incorrectly filing a paper decades ago. They were deported.

Supervisor Bennett, I do not believe in open borders. But until a fair system of immigration is put in place, it is inhumane to break up families in this way, unless a serious crime was committed. Please vote NO on the acceptance of \$390,000 for the Sheriff's support of ICE.

Ruth Schwartz  
93003

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