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Good Afternoon, Supervisors:

My name is Barbara Leighton. I live in Newbury Park.

The spirit of the TRUTH Act was to build trust. Sadly, many immigrant communities or people of color have long-standing distrust of law enforcement. Use of excessive force, unwarranted deaths, or family separations by deportation all have impacts. Law enforcement collaboration with ICE does not build trust. If people are arrested, there may be legal consequences. But once those are met, people should be released and allowed to continue with their life, family, and community. They should not have added trauma and penalties of being taken by force, sent to for-profit detention prisons and deported. In this time of COVID, adding people to detention centers increases chances of life-threatening illness for all involved.

I believe Ventura County can take additional steps to build trust in ALL communities by joining other counties, like LA, to stop cooperation with ICE. I'm grateful for the Supervisors' recent declaration of racism as a public health crisis. Ending Sheriff collaboration with ICE is a concrete step toward reducing excessive punishment by race.

Sincerely,  
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