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Hello,

My name is Jennifer Martinez and I would like to submit a public comment for Item #34 - TRUTH Act Forum. Below is my public comment with a word count of 207:

The Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors must consider ending all collaboration with ICE. Working with ICE is known to disproportionately harm our community of color and our immigrant community. Our immigrant community has experienced financial and health hardships due to the pandemic. ICE detention centers have high dangerous numbers of COVID-19 cases and right now the death rate among people being held by ICE is the highest it's been in 15 years. This is unacceptable and Ventura County must consider that they are endangering one's life in this way. Other counties in the state of California like LA County have stopped transfers to ICE. Why can't Ventura County do the same? As a community, we stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and know that more police, cages, and deportations are hurting communities of color, while also decreasing funding for youth programs, housing and health care that are the most valuable and the most in need. Regardless of one's past convictions, our sheriff should not collaborate with ICE to continue an unfair justice system that punishes a person, physically, emotionally and financially. Families do not want to be separated. Everyone should have a chance to rebuild their life after earning release from jail. #DefundTheSheriff