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The Ventura Board of Supervisors should consider passing an order limiting the detention in Ventura jails for non-violent offenses and prohibiting the Sheriff's voluntary involvement with ICE during a worsening pandemic that has already claimed nearly 250,000 lives in the US. Adelanto Detention Center, where most individuals are transferred to from Ventura jail, reportedly has the highest COVID outbreak in any immigration center in the country. The Sheriff is sending individuals, many of whom have lived here their entire lives with green cards, DACA, and other statuses and who often provide essential work in agriculture and other essential businesses, to an immigration jail that has been renowned for its outbreaks of measles, chicken pox, and now COVID. The Sheriff uses county resources to call ICE and notify them of release dates for misdemeanor offenses, like theft and fraud. We owe a duty to our residents – those transferred, their families, and our community that rely on their contributions – not to use county resources nor risk anyone's life by continued and unnecessary cooperation with ICE.

Additionally, the Sheriff should be required to answer questions from the community at these forums in accordance with the spirit of the Truth Act.

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(In my personal capacity)