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Good afternoon,

Hi I'm Rosalva, a youth leader for CAUSE. I am here today to ask that Ventura County stop transferring people in our community who earned their release to ICE. From a little age, I have always had a fear of cops since I have an immigrant mother. I would always have the thought in my head when going out the house with her that we would see or bump into a cop and they would stop us and take my mother into ICE custody. This is not only my reality, but the reality of hundreds of others who are just like me. It hurts to know that Ventura County has not stopped transfers to ICE. If L.A. County has done it, why can't we? We also know that you declared Racism a Public Health Crisis and we would like to see you stand by those words. When our sheriff works with ICE it creates an unfair system of justice where people are punished twice for no reason other than they are immigrants. Everyone should have a chance to rebuild their life after earning release from jail, not be kicked out of their community and torn away from their family just because they're immigrants. Finally, the pandemic has shown us that all our health depends on everyone in our community. ICE detention centers have had dangerous numbers of COVID-19 and right now the death rate among people being held by ICE is the highest it's been in 15 years. Our immigrant communities have hit hard, and as a resident of this community. I hope that we continue to make it more safe for everyone, especially out undocumented community.