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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Yoselyn Gomez, and I am a youth leader with Tequio Youth Group at MICOP. As an Indigenous youth group, we are too familiar with the fear our communities have when they hear ICE is in our communities. So today I urge you to get ICE out of Ventura County by stopping the Sheriff's Office from collaborating with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Sheriff's Office's cooperation with ICE fosters distrust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement. This causes immigrant communities to view local law enforcement and ICE as the same entity. This collaboration invokes widespread fear in immigrant communities. Community members will feel safer and be more willing to report crimes if the Sheriff's Office is not cooperating with ICE.

Immigrants are a vital part of our communities and their contribution to our society and the economy is vital. Deporting people who are undocumented is not the answer. This will only cause the destabilizing of communities and the County, which is made up of thousands of mixed-status families will have a devastating impact. We urge you to see that all people should be treated fairly no matter what they look like, what language they speak, or where they were born.

As a Ventura County resident, I stand against the Sheriff's department's practice of notifying ICE when people will be released. Immigration detention centers are hotbeds for infections and diseases. We must protect the public and safety of ALL county residents by prohibiting any department from using county resources to funnel people into detention and deportation.

I urge you to STOP the county from collaborating with ICE!

In Community,  
Yoselyn Gomez

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