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Dear V.C. Board of Supervisors,

As a Ventura County resident, i appreciate all the work you all do for our beloved County. And I'm writing today to share an urgent community demand that has gone unheeded, and which is fundamental to upholding community safety, family well-being, and justice in our County:

That the Sheriff stop all voluntary cooperation with I.C.E., and that the Board of Supervisors stop funding this voluntary cooperation of our Sheriff with I.C.E. Three of the vital reasons for these demands- community safety, economic justice, and family well-being- are summarized below.

## **Community Safety:**

Studies show that when residents are fearful of communicating with the sheriff and police, overall public safety suffers.

Furthermore, our Sheriff's Department should prioritize its time and resources on stopping violent crimes, and on preventing crime, through proven measures such as work and mental health programs, versus terrorizing immigrants communities.

## **Economic Justice:**

Many studies have shown that immigrant communities contribute massively to our economic vitality, especially in agricultural areas like Ventura County. It is inexcusable to terrorize these communities who are simply here to work. And it is especially unjust when they are sent to I.C.E. after having 'served their time', thus forcing them to do have 'double punishment'.

## **Family Well-Being:**

The trauma and mental health issues caused by families being terrorized and separated through I.C.E. detention are immeasurable, and deeply damaging to our the overall well-being of our families and communities.

Thank you for your attention.

And for all the reasons stated, we again demand that you **immediately stop funding the voluntary cooperation of our Sheriff with I.C.E.** 

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