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Dear County Supervisors,

I would like to say namaste to you and thank you for allowing me space today in order to share my story.

I am a first generation Mexican American woman (nearly 40, gulp!), that pays taxes. I am a proud citizen and proud to rep Cal State Channel Islands (Bachelor's in Spanish Lit) and volunteer for CAUSE the non-profit organization that works for the rights of the Silent Giant.

I also work for a well-known non-profit organization that assists with food insecurity around Ventura County. You may know us well; we're called FoodShare. I also, have other dreams and plans of continuing my career and am hopeful to one day assist for the County of Ventura as an elected official.

I am a success story.

Ms. Marley IS a success story.

Why am I a success story? It is because my mother was never extracted, deported if you will, from the United States when I was a child by ICE.

My mother labored in the fields of Ventura County that produced vegetables to then be transferred and sold through co-ops and grocery stores in Ventura and other counties.

Grocery stores that most likely were available to your parents. Grocery stores that fed YOU while you were all young.

She paid taxes, worked 10-12 hour days, and never requested CalFresh, or as they called it then food stamps. She worked and paid her taxes, all while supporting 4 of us as a single parent.

We are a close family and in my family I am not the only success story; my brother, who is even more successful than I is a business owner. He is a talented artist that owns an art studio in Downtown Oxnard. He pays his taxes and supports his loved ones. He holds charity events that support his fellow community members.

My sister, a mother and well known artist, is as tough as Thors hammer is also on her way to owning her own studio and becoming a successful business owner as our brother presently is. She pays her taxes and works hard to guide her 3 boys in a conflict-free direction.

WE ARE SUCESS STORIES, and we are all here because of our hispanic mother, a proud woman that worked her tail off and paid her due taxes to support government spending.

I URGE YOU TODAY, not as a title holder but as a concerned individual, to please assist in stopping the collaboration between ICE and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. It is inhumane and it continues to form distrust among Hispanic and Latin American people and their community resources.

Please find a way to help. We must speak in a positive manner to each in order to not manifest a positive road ahead.

We are all in this together, for better or for worst, thank you and Namaste.

Victoria Marley