

2026 TRUTH Act Community Forum Introduction

(Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds)

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Forum Agenda

1. Introduction by the County Administrator's Office
 - a. History of Key Immigration Related Laws
 - b. TRUTH Act Community Forum Definitions and Purpose
 - c. Contra Costa County Processes
 - d. Forum Access
 - e. Recommended Board Actions
2. Presentation by Immigrant Legal Resource Center (Attached)
3. Report from the Sheriff-Coroner (Attached)
4. Public Comment



History of Key Immigration Related Laws

Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Act (2014)

Assembly Bill 4, limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement can detain individuals on behalf of federal immigration authorities.

Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act (2017)

Assembly Bill 2792, mandates local jails and juvenile detention facilities to provide written consent to an incarcerated individual informing them of their rights prior to an interview with United States Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel, and notify incarcerated individuals when their release dates are provided to ICE, as well as for the governing body to hold a community for local law enforcement agencies under their jurisdiction to report on individuals' information provided to ICE.

California Values Act (SB 54) (2018)

Senate Bill 54, limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement may use funds, facility, property, equipment or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes.



California Government Code 7283.1(d)

Beginning January 1, 2018, the local governing body of any county, city, or city and county in which a local law enforcement agency has provided ICE access to an individual during the last year shall hold at least one community forum during the following year, that is open to the public, in an accessible location, and with at least 30 days' notice to provide information to the public about ICE's access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment. As part of this forum, the local law enforcement agency may provide the governing body with data it maintains regarding the number and demographic characteristics of individuals to whom the agency has provided ICE access, the date ICE access was provided, and whether the ICE access was provided through a hold, transfer, or notification request or through other means. Data may be provided in the form of statistics or, if statistics are not maintained, individual records, provided that personally identifiable information shall be redacted.



TRUTH Act Definitions

“Community forum” - a regular meeting of the local governing body that is open to the public, where the public may provide comment, is in an accessible location, and is noticed at least 30 days in advance.

“Local law enforcement agency” - any agency ... that is authorized to enforce criminal statutes, regulations, or local ordinances; or to operate jails or to maintain custody of individuals in jails; or to operate juvenile detention facilities or to maintain custody of individuals in juvenile detention facilities; or to monitor compliance with probation or parole conditions.

“Notification request” means an Immigration and Customs Enforcement request that a local law enforcement agency inform ICE of the release date and time in advance of the public of an individual in its custody and includes, but is not limited to, DHS Form I-247.



TRUTH Act Definitions - Continued

“ICE access” - for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement, including when an individual is ...otherwise under the control of the local law enforcement agency, all of the following:

- 1) Responding to an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request.
- 2) Providing notification to ICE in advance of the public that an individual is being or will be released at a certain date and time through data sharing or otherwise.
- 3) Providing ICE non-publicly available information regarding release dates, home addresses, or work addresses, whether through computer databases, jail logs, or otherwise.
- 4) Allowing ICE to interview an individual.
- 5) Providing ICE information regarding dates and times of probation or parole check-ins.



Forum Purpose

Transparency initiative in statute for local law enforcement agencies to report on the extent and nature of communications with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE) Agency

Hold a community forum, pursuant to Government Code 7283.1(d):

- During the following year, that is open to the public, in an accessible location; and
- With at least 30 days' public notice (Attachment A); and
- Receive and consider public comment.

Contra Costa County:

- Has held TRUTH Act Community Forums since 2018
- Does not hold any contract with the ICE agency nor house ICE agency detainees within its adult or juvenile detention facility systems.



Contra Costa County Processes

Department Head Certifications:

1. Does their department meet the definition of “local law enforcement agency”?
2. If yes, did their department provide “ICE access”?

Responses from 25 County departments (summary – Attachment D):

- 7 departments - “yes” to meeting the definition of a local law enforcement agency”.
- 1 department (Sheriff-Coroner) – “yes” to providing “ICE access”.



Forum Access

1. Attend the forum in person on August 25 at 1025 Escobar St. in Martinez:
 - a. Board Chambers
 - b. 1st Floor conference room streaming in Spanish
2. Watch live at www.contracosta.ca.gov or on CCTV:
 - a. AT&T U-verse Channel 99, Comcast Channel 27, or WAVE Channel 32.
 - b. Real-time closed captioning and live audio and written translation through Wordly.
3. Public comments or questions:
 - a. In person, by phone, or Zoom during the meeting.
 - b. Written public comment in advance by emailing it to TRUTHAct@cob.cccounty.us or mailing it to the Clerk of the Board.



Recommended Board Actions

1. Receive presentation from the County Administrator's Office
(Enid Mendoza, Senior Deputy County Administrator);
2. Receive presentation from Immigrant Legal Resource Center
(Miosotti Tenecora, Staff Attorney)
3. Receive report from the Sheriff-Coroner
(Hon. David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner); and
4. Receive and consider public comment