

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TRUTH ACT FORUM 2025



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# Community concerns about local law enforcement working with ICE

- Unnecessarily expends local resources on immigration enforcement, which is not a responsibility of the Sheriff's department
- Fosters distrust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement. Makes immigrant communities view local law enforcement and ICE as the same entity
- Opens local law enforcement up to liability, which means tax dollars are used to pay out settlements
- Can result in the permanent separation of community members from their families and intergenerational trauma. Black, brown & AAPI folks most harmed by mass incarceration and criminalization suffer the most.

# Community concerns about local law enforcement working with ICE (cont.)

- Days after community members spoke out against the county's collaboration with ICE at the 2019 TRUTH Act Forum, Sheriff Livingston stopped letting ICE into private areas of county jails to conduct ICE arrests.
- After the 2020 TRUTH Act Forum, CCIRA members and members of the Sheriff's Office met on several occasions to discuss the Sheriff's policy on collaborating with ICE.
- In June 2021, CCIRA was notified that Sheriff Livingston made some changes to his policy, and adopted CCIRA's suggested policy change of ending the practice of publishing lists of release dates online.



# The California Values Act (SB 54)

- The California Values Act, signed into law by Gov. Brown on October 5, 2017, is a state law that limits state and local resources from being used to carry out immigration detentions and deportations.





# NOTIFICATION REQUESTS TO ICE

Notifying ICE of  
release dates



## Prohibited unless:

- Revised TRUST Act exception applies, including:
  - Conviction for a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison at any time
  - Conviction within past 15 years for any other specified felony. The 15-year “wash” is an improvement on the old TRUST Act standard.
  - Conviction within the past 5 years for a misdemeanor for a specified wobbler offense.
  - Charges for a crime that is serious, violent, or punishable by a term in state prison if finding of probable cause has been made by a magistrate pursuant to PC 872.
- If release dates/times are already publicly available, can be shared

# How is this Presidential administration **different**?

- Increase in unlawful immigration enforcement tactics
- Diversion of federal agencies to conduct immigration enforcement
- Federal funding expanded
- Complete disregard for the rule of law and due process rights
- Increase in interior family separation
- Deportation to dangerous third countries

# Patterns of Unlawful ICE Notifications:

- We cannot share a thorough analysis of the Sheriff's FY2024 statistics in our current presentation because the data was not provided in advance to CCIRA.
- However, we know from anecdotal evidence that the Sheriff complies with ICE notifications requests.
  - The Sheriff's written policy lacks transparency of when the Sheriff complies with ICE notifications requests.
  - It is a complicated analysis to know when to comply with ICE notifications.
    - It is time consuming and resource intensive
    - Does not ensure public safety and public trust
    - Separates families and hurts the community

# PLACEHOLDER

- Will analyze any other unlawful actions and provide additional comments, if necessary, after the Truth Act Forum when a thorough analysis can be made.



# **The Consequences of a Complicated Policy: Legal Liability**

- A complicated policy can easily lead to legal liability for the county
  - That is why adopting a simpler, bright-line policy that exceeds the minimum requirements of state law would help mitigate these legal risks, and respond to long-standing community concerns regarding local law enforcement collaboration with ICE
- Community members' lives hang in the balance of the Sheriff's Office being able to do a very complex legal analysis

# CCIRA's Recommendations to the Sheriff



**STOP**  
**responding to**  
**ICE**  
**Notifications**  
**altogether**



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# CCIRA's Recommendations to the Board



Join other counties like  
San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco,  
Alameda, Los Angeles, Yolo, Humboldt  
in considering a county policy/ordinance to  
end all ICE collaboration unless there is a  
judicial warrant or court order.



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# Thank you

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