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October 25, 2017

Ms. Sally Hearon  
Ms. Maureen Earls  
Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance  
428 Montgomery Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Dear Ms. Hearon and Ms. Earls,

Thank you for your letter regarding questions and concerns that were submitted at the Town Hall meeting. Here are the answers to the stated questions:

**1. How will the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office change its response to ICE requests now that SB54 has passed:**

The new law allows for local law enforcement agencies to communicate with ICE when a person has been arrested for certain crimes as outlined in SB54. A copy of SB54 is enclosed for your review and use. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will abide by the parameters of SB54 and we will continue to communicate with ICE as allowed by law.

**2. Will the Sheriff's Office be allowed to inform ICE agents regarding undocumented residents arrested for misdemeanors or non-violent offenses:**

Under SB54, the language in the law places certain restrictions on when the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office can communicate with ICE. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will follow the new law.

**3. According to your records for 2017, how many undocumented people in Santa Barbara County have been detained or deported by ICE:**

The Sheriff's Office only tracks the number of release requests made to the Sheriff's Office from ICE. We do not track how many were actually taken into custody by ICE officials.

**4. How many of the undocumented arrestees were identified to ICE officials in 2017:**

For 2017, the Sheriff's Office has received the following requests from ICE:

2017												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct to Date	Average	Total
Requests	33	32	57	34	47	46	52	45	59	25	45	430

**5. Explain how the community is "kept safe" by the detention and/or deportation of undocumented people booked into the Santa Barbara County jail:**

If a person is arrested and booked into the Santa Barbara County jail, there is probable cause to believe that the person committed a crime. If ICE asks to be notified when that person is to be released from the Santa Barbara County jail, then the Sheriff's Office will communicate with federal officials within the parameters of the new law. This is because people who have committed dangerous crimes against the community who are also wanted by federal immigration authorities should not be recycled back into the community if that can be avoided. If they return to the community, many will re-offend, and members of the immigrant community in particular will be disproportionately victimized.

Front line law enforcement officers in California, including deputies with the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, do not engage in and have no intention of engaging in immigration enforcement in the field. My Sheriff's deputies have always been, and will remain, guardians of our entire community. We protect and serve all of those who live, work, and visit our county, regardless of their immigration status. I want to make it very clear that our cooperation with ICE with regards to persons who are incarcerated in our jail is very different from what happens in the field.

We encourage everyone, including undocumented immigrants, to continue to contact us if they are victims or witnesses to crime. Such contact will **not** result in immigration-related investigations or arrests by members of the Sheriff's Office or other local police agencies.

I hope that these answers are helpful. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Sincerely,



BILL BROWN  
Sheriff-Coroner