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**From:** [April Vargas](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** COASTSIDE DEMOCRATIC CLUB SUPPORTS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF SHERIFF  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:01:58 AM

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Hello Supervisors: The Coastside Democratic Club has voted to urge the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to establish a Sheriff oversight board and office of Inspector General pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 25303.7.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter,

April Vargas, President  
Coastside Democrats  
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**From:** Harold Schapelhouman <harold.schap@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:12 AM

**To:** Sukhmani Purewal <spurewal@smcgov.org>

**Cc:** Harold Schapelhouman <harold.schap@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Required COVID-19 After Action Reporting

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## Honorable Elected Officials and Governmental Leaders

After reviewing multiple city and county web-sites, specifically each agencies stated strategic priorities, goals and projects, road maps, action plans and visioning processes for 2023, very little related to COVID-19 could be found.

After three years of constant COVID impacts, this obvious societal inclination to move forward and onward is clearly evident and predictable. However, by law, the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, § 2450 (a) states “Any city, city and county, or county declaring a local emergency for which the governor proclaims a state of emergency, and any state agency responding to that emergency shall complete and transmit an after action report to Cal OES within ninety (90) days of the close of the incident period.”

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on February 28, 2023. On April 10, 2023, President Biden signed a measure that immediately ended the COVID-19 National Emergency after more than three years from when it was enacted. However, the actual public health emergency declaration is scheduled to end on May, 11, 2023.

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) is currently preparing additional after action guidance and timing, given their own requirement to provide an after action report 180 days after the incidents closure.

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/planning-preparedness-prevention/planning-preparedness/after-action-corrective-action-reporting/>

Given these requirements, I recommend the required COVID 19 After Action Reporting Process be added to each governmental agencies 2023 strategic priority work list.

The After Action Report should not be seen as a punitive process, but rather an opportunity for governmental agencies specifically responsible for public safety and essential services to reflect on their strengths and address any weaknesses or short comings in preparation for the next, or potential future events.

Key findings, recommendations, gap analysis and best practices can highlight benefits associated with emergency planning updates, community engagement, training, exercises, equipment purchases, and critical but flexible strategies needed to not only prepare for the next emergency but also reflect on what worked and what didn't.

As a former Fire Chief who spent 40 years in public safety and specifically in special operations, where I responded to some of the worst disasters in the nation, I have directly seen the benefit of honest formal post-incident assessments that resulted in significant improvements for future responses.

Beyond the basic requirements outlined by Cal-OES and the state's timeline, governmental agencies could choose to conduct a more comprehensive process based upon public comment, feedback or engagement process and/or requests and feedback from local officials under a shared vision of improvement and preparedness.

Whichever each jurisdiction chooses, transparency and actionable improvement recommendations should be at the core of any after action improvement effort.

Suggested reference links:

### **Cal-OES After Action Reporting**

[https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Preparedness/Documents/01-2006-SEMSGdlnesAAR\\_Part-III.pdf](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Preparedness/Documents/01-2006-SEMSGdlnesAAR_Part-III.pdf)

**FEMA Preparedness Tool Kit**

<https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/hseep-resources/improvement-planning>

**FEMA HSEEP COVID After Action Planning Template**

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/training/ERHMScourse/pdf/127961885-Hseep-AAR-IP-Template-2007.pdf>

**CDC After Action Template**

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/erhms/pdf/LessonsLearned.pdf>

**US-HHS COVID After Action Template**

<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-covid-19-after-action-reports---7-21-2021-508.pdf>

**WHO After Action Template**

[https://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/393651/who-guid-aar-eng.pdf](https://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/393651/who-guid-aar-eng.pdf)

**IFRC The World is not ready for the next pandemic**

<https://www.ifrc.org/press-release/world-not-ready-next-pandemic-warns-ifrc>

Thank you.

Harold Schapelhouman, Retired Fire Chief

Local, State, Federal First Responder

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**From:** [Jellyfish](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Board Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 8:12:36 AM

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My name is Jeff Olshan and I am an Environmental Education Specialist of 16 years at Walden West Outdoor School. I am writing to voice support for SMCO extra help workers and their justified ask for permanency. Extra is dictionary defined as, "beyond or more than what is usual, expected, or necessary; additional". Nearly half of SMCO "extra help" workers work full time hours, so how can they be considered extra? The county should take pride in doing right by their workers and that begins by dropping false labels and treating them equitably and equally for the work they provide. Full time positions must be created for those who work full time hours.

Additionally, it is shameful that extra help workers fighting for this equality would be retaliated against. Why are loyal and competent long time employees being refused new contracts just because they are pointing out the obvious: they are not extra and deserve full time positions that reflect their dedication and hours worked.

SMCO employees are an important part of the community and provide valuable services to it. It is time to treat them with the respect and dignity they have earned and create a path to permanency that provides benefits and stability to those working regular hours. Thank you for your time and efforts to resolve this inequality.

**From:** [Becca Kieler](#)  
**To:** [David Canepa](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** YSC  
**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 5:13:36 PM

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I'm Becca Kieler, I live in NFO and am co-founder of In Our Care. We are mobilizing public backing for basic common sense improvements at YSC. We want restorative justice at the YSC, this is probations job. We want our youth to come back to the community in better shape than when they entered YSC. The BOS can help make this happen.

The annual JJDPC inspection report of the Youth Services Center, juvenile hall, recommended common-sense improvements in areas such as food service, health and hygiene, mental health services, and vocational services and was unanimously adopted by the JDPCC in December 2022.

We demand these children have healthy and tasty food and that they get enough for growing kids. That would include not being served dinner at 4 PM and and being hungry when they go to bed. This is a basic human right and these are SMC's youth and they are in our care.

In terms of services, gaping holes include the fact that there is no private mental health counseling room - counseling takes place where others can hear it and see. They need dedicated mental health space within the facility. There are no vocational services.

The Art Therapy, Multi Sensory, De Escalation Room that has been in the works for almost two years now. This single unfinished space has been the subject of social media videos, listed in a series of reports, grants, etc, has yet to open or serve a single child.

Again, these are growing youth, they need more large muscle exercise, sunshine and no more sensory deprivation.

These youth are our responsibility. Most of them will return to their community. What do we want that to look like? We want them to come back to us, rehabilitated not in worse shape then when they were admitted. We expect the county to do it job and

provide restorative justice to the youth in their care. That is probations job! Let's get it done!

We are asking the Board of Supervisors to adopt these recommendations and ask Probation to implement them.

**Becca Kieler**  
**co-founder**



honoring the humanity of  
youth in the legal system



**From:** [Sarah Gianocaró](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [LUPE GUTIERREZ](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Item Not on Agenda  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:56:12 AM

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My name is Sarah Gianocaró. I have been an occupational therapist for 22 years and currently work for the Santa Clara County Office of Education. I support SMCO extra help workers in their fight for a path to permanency. Anyone working full-time hours for more than 6 months is clearly not just “extra help.” Many of these workers have been extra-help for 5 years and even more than 10 years. With 45% of “extra help” workers working full-time hours, it’s clear that SMCO must change its priorities and create permanent positions for these staff. This would improve SMCO’s ability to provide services to the community by maintaining a consistent workforce.

Additionally, SMCO needs to cease its retaliation against extra help workers who are organizing for better working conditions and permanent positions. Refusing to renew contracts for workers who have been working for many years for no cause other than trying to improve their financial situation is anti-worker, anti-community, and anti-union. Past practice has been to renew contracts for decades, but now that these workers are trying to improve their situation, the county manager is retaliating and refusing to sign extensions. Our workers and our community deserve better.

SMCO needs to do the right thing and reach an agreement with SEIU that creates a path to permanency for extra help workers, provides appropriate sick leave and vacation time for those who are truly temporary extra help workers, and aligns the contracts for permanent and extra help staff.

**From:** [Kay Bushnell](#)  
**To:** [Sukhmani Purewal](#)  
**Subject:** To Supervisors of San Mateo County  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 1:39:43 PM

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Dear Supervisors of San Mateo County,

Tragedy has struck on Canada Road, and there is something the Board of Supervisors can and must do. Please set the posted speed limit on Canada Rd. at 25mph. People of all ages walk and bicycle on Canada Road. It is outrageous that the current popularity of driving at excessive speed with impatient disregard of others' safety has claimed the life of a competent, careful cyclist. Failing to greatly lower the speed limit is sure to lead to more loss of life unless the county greatly reduces the excessive speed limit of 50mph that is now allowed.

Unfortunately, many drivers treat a posted speed limit as merely a number for them to exceed. If the speed limit is set at 35mph many drivers tend to go faster, well into the 40-50mph zone or higher, which is not a sufficiently meaningful improvement over the current situation. If the speed limit is set at 25mph we can assume that many drivers will drive more carefully, although some may still try to push their speed to 40mph or more. Even better, a speed limit set at 25mph and well enforced will most likely lead to more mindful, safe driving on Canada Rd.

Don't be persuaded by complaints from reckless drivers about setting the posted speed limit at 25mph.

Please act now to make Canada Rd. safe.

Sincerely,

Kay Bushnell

Written Public Comment(s)  
for **Item No. 8**

**From:** [Amaya Wooding](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** 4/25/23 BoS Meeting Item 8 - Tobacco retailer permits  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 12:32:40 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors and staff:

Thank you for considering updates to the County's tobacco retail ordinance. It is important that enforcement of tobacco sales laws be meaningful, equitable, and routine. The San Mateo Tobacco Education Coalition and American Heart Association have provided robust education on a number of strategies to improve on what currently exists.

The existing ordinance creates confusion as to whether and how often enforcement checks will be performed and what the penalty is in the event of a violation. While doing this work around the Bay Area, we have heard retailers refer to fines as "dinky" and "the cost of doing business." The prospect of losing the ability to sell tobacco for even a day if an underage sale is made is a greater deterrent than most any fine.

According to the San Mateo Tobacco Education Coalition, 19 of 32 San Mateo County retailers observed in November 2022 were selling products prohibited by their tobacco retail licenses. That this is happening four-plus years after the policy was adopted shows the lacking state of existing incentives for compliance. Setting baseline expectations that compliance monitoring checks will occur once a year and within three months of a violation, and guaranteeing fines and suspension as a minimum penalty for violation would add robustness that is currently not present on the enforcement end.

The existing ordinance also incompletely addresses how the tobacco industry uses product price to appeal to consumers. While the no-coupon provision addresses e.g. the \$152 million in industry spending on cigarette coupons in 2021, the year covered by the most recent FTC Cigarette Report, it does not address the \$6.9 billion spent in the same year on discounts to wholesalers and retailers, which often show up as lower sticker prices for consumers. For that, jurisdictions can establish floor prices for tobacco products. Since 2014, the US Surgeon General has recommended a minimum price of \$10 per pack of cigarettes to greatly decrease youth smoking rates. Earlier this month, the American Academy of Pediatrics similarly recommended increasing tobacco prices to deter underage users.

Thank you once more for your commitment to public health and willingness to consider updates to better protect San Mateo County youth from tobacco addiction.

Amaya Wooding

Written Public Comments  
for **Item Nos. 11 & 12**

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Joe Totah <joetotah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 8:30 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Racism and ICE

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Dear Supervisors Corzo, Canepa, Muller, Pine and Slocum,

Sometime when it comes to fighting against racism, things are done that don't make sense because all variables are not looked at. Does anyone want to deport legal immigrants? Of course not and for the less than 1% who do, it's because they are racist. We need immigration now more than ever to fill our jobs, this is why I have wrote to Congressman Mullin to push for more legal immigration of qualify individuals from Mexico and other countries.

Illegal immigration needs to end in favor of a legal immigration system, but until that point, I am not in favor of deporting law abiding illegal immigrants (with a chance for many to apply for legal immigration). However can I ask you to use our common sense on this and not get trapped into extremism. I don't like conservative or liberal extremism, both ruin our society. Keeping Illegal immigrants here who commit crimes is beyond insane, I just think some of you got tapped overthinking racism and perhaps more as I explain below. I will take anyone to task who says they need to go home to their families, I think everyone knows that argument is so phony and there are just so many arguments that prove this. It's embarrassing to anyone who uses this, including former Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, whom I voted for. So I sincerely ask any supervisor who uses this to kindly don't, because it's obvious this is politics. What if someone didn't have family here, would you deport him to his family in another country? I hope you get my point that this argument is not anywhere close to truthful.

I heard the argument about a double punishment. There is something called a "hate crime" as I am sure you know. They are charged with a hate crime because there is another condition to the crime they committed, so they will likely get a greater prison sentence because of that. Well someone can say, why are they are getting a double punishment because it was done in hate. So when you say "double punishment" there is a reason for that, there is another condition to crimes committed by illegals, they are here illegally. In both cases, there was something more to the crime. Furthermore, what is wrong with Mexico or any other country they came from? It's racist to presume these

are bad countries, why in the world would this be called a punishment? I would like you each one of you to explain this who have used this as an argument.

I don't think Supervisor Mueller proposal on Tuesday goes far enough, however I give him credit for addressing the need to deport the worst criminals and support this, I would call it at best a compromise between many who want full deportation of all illegal criminals and those who don't want any. As for those who don't want any, this is aiding and abetting more crime, including human trafficking, drug trafficking, rape and crimes against law abiding residents. I ask you to support Supervisor Mueller in working with ICE on the most violent criminals. Karina Castro may be alive today if her murderer was not in America, please think of her first before you think of criminals.

Regards,

Joseph Totah

2149 Vista Del Mar, SM



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Clara Jaeckel <claraejaeckel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 2:43 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** public comment for 4/25/2023 agenda items #11 and #12: Oppose amendments and support original ordinance to end ICE collusion

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Clara Jaeckel and I've lived in San Mateo County for 25 years, the last eight in Redwood City. I want to thank and applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion in your last meeting. Now I urge you strongly to vote no on the amendments introduced by Supervisor Mueller and complete the adoption of this ordinance as originally agreed upon in the previous vote.

Introducing exceptions would weaken the sanctuary intent of the ordinance and reduce the trust that all community members will be treated equally. There is no benefit or increased safety in creating a two-tiered system of justice. Deeming people with the same record acceptable or unacceptable to be released based solely on their documentation status is illogical and ineffective, and I urge you not to write this kind of scapegoating prejudice into our county's law. Instead, please move forward with the ordinance as introduced by Supervisors Canepa and Pine.

Thank you,  
Clara Jaeckel  
Redwood City

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Sukhmani Purewal  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 11:57 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Agenda items 11 and 12.

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**From:** lahondalynnette@earthlink.net <lahondalynnette@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 7:15 PM  
**To:** Sukhmani Purewal <spurewal@smcgov.org>  
**Subject:** Regarding Agenda items 11 and 12.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lynnette Vega and I have been a San Mateo County resident for nearly 53 years. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for initiating the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and **vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments**.

The presence of ICE in immigrant communities can have a chilling effect so that individuals may not feel comfortable contacting authorities in situations where they should. Much of our fight to replace Sheriff Bolanos was based on his refusal to sever cooperation with ICE - though he eventually did. Our current Sheriff, Christina Corpus has said that she would not collude with ICE. I feel that the ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witness of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Thank you all for your work to support all in our community.

Lynnette Vega

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Becca Kieler <beccakieler12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 4:44 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Immigration and ICE and Sheriff Oversight

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Dear Supervisors,  
Voicing my support for Sup. Canepa and Pine's Ordinance ensuring no more cooperating with ICE.

Also voicing my support for Oversight of the Sheriff Dept.

**Becca Kieler**  
**co-founder**



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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Ann Myers <akdmyers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 3:21 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ann Myers and I live and work in Redwood City, in Supervisor Slocum's district. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

The ordinance as introduced is such a huge step forward for the safety of all community members; please don't allow it to become less effective in supporting our community.

Thank you,

--Ann Myers

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Nancy Goodban <nancy.goodban@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 7:03 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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President Pine, Vice-President Slocum, and Honorable Supervisors:

Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance.

Immigrants are one in every three San Mateo County residents, essential to our heart and identity. The ordinance introduced by Supervisors Pine and Canepa is crucial to upholding our values of equality and inclusion, and to building strong, safe communities.

As a Unitarian Universalist, I believe in the worth and dignity of every person. We should not be wasting local resources to collude with ICE, an agency known for racial profiling and human rights abuses.

I am very disturbed at the fear-mongering this past week. Our community is better than that. Research shows that sanctuary communities are safer; immigrants commit less crime. Our justice system is committed to the principle that everyone deserves a second chance.

We should instead invest in housing, mental health services, re-entry programs, access to jobs and healthcare to build safer communities for all. ICE is not a solution.

Thank you so much.

Nancy

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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Cathy Baird <cathy\_baird@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 8:56 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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Dear Supervisors:

I am a voter and a resident of San Carlos and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) San Mateo.

I have already written my thanks to Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion at the last meeting, and I thank you again for your action and your courage. I urge you to adopt the ordinance, without amendment, and to vote no on Supervisor Mueller's misguided and misleading amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witness of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Cathy Baird

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Debra Leschyn <dleschyn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 7:25 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** April 25 BoS meeting: Please vote NO on Item 11, amended ICE Ordinance

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

In the SMC Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, I ask that you **please vote NO on Item 11**, the proposed amendment to the ICE ordinance.

This is motivated by two foundational principles of the United States justice system. First, all persons in the United States deserve and are entitled to equal treatment under the law, regardless of their immigration status. Second, when any incarcerated person has finished serving their sentence as prescribed by law, they are deemed to have paid their dues to society in full and as such, are fit to be released into the community. It follows from these basic principles that no person in the United States should ever be punished twice for the same crime, simply because they happen to be undocumented.

However, if Item 11 were to be passed, it would create a new and troubling set of exceptions to this fundamental concept of equal justice.

Furthermore, the second round of punishment contemplated under Item 11 is that a person could be turned over to ICE! In practice, this would subject them to the horrific and dehumanizing conditions and abusive risks of ICE detention. And unless a person in this awful situation can afford to pay expensive legal fees, they may not have any lawyer at all to help defend them against this double punishment, because court-appointed legal representation is specifically *not* made available to people who are seeking release from ICE custody.

As Puente and Asian Law Caucus and numerous other organizations have said in a separate letter to Supervisor Mueller, "Opponents of Sanctuary policy, including the past administration, relied on criminalizing language to promote their anti-immigrant agenda. By doing so, they shift the focus away from systemic needs to improve the criminal justice system and mental health services, and instead cruelly scapegoat immigrants. Communities of color know that these are racialized coded strategies.... the county should not be colluding with an agency known for its human rights abuses and racist practices. We must put an end to a two-tiered system of justice that punishes our immigrant community solely based on their place of birth."

For all of the reasons above, as well as for the additional reasons described in that letter, I urge you to **please vote NO on Agenda Item 11**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Debby Leschyn  
Belmont, CA  
District 2

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Joel Thompson <joel@rhinosystemsinc.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 6:21 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** Joel Thompson  
**Subject:** vote in favor of working with ICE

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Re: <https://abc7news.com/amp/san-mateo-county-sanctuary-co-asylum-seekers-convicted-immigrants-deportation/13156977/?fbclid=IwAR0cwO2FjGsCgElKvCb9Gn8cwHdSolmfaXEKLTxDO5YBrJHsA1PW12E1jVI&mibextid=uc01c0>

Board :

Please vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of illegal immigrants convicted of murder, rape and child molestation. These are three very important exemptions that we must have in place to protect American citizens above all else. Allowing these type of criminals to stay in our communities is wrong, naive, and dangerous. The recidivism rates for all crimes is growing at an alarming rate.

According to data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), 70% of prisoners released in 2012 were arrested again within five years, and the recidivism rate for prisoners with juvenile records is over 80%. Property crimes have a 78% recidivism rate within 5 years of their original release, drug crimes have a 70% rate, public order has a 69% rate , and violent offenses have a 65% recidivism rate.

Sexual crimes including rape and child sex crimes can have a recidivism rate as high as 35% and in some cases, 40% of sex offenders committed another sex crime within one year of their prison discharge. The majority of the children they molested after leaving prison were aged 13 or younger according to the Department of Justice.

We cannot let this happen. You represent American citizens and it your job to protect American citizens. I urge you to vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of illegal aliens convicted of murder, rape and child molestation.

Sent from my iPhone



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Debra Leschyn <dleschyn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 7:25 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** 4/25/23 BoS meeting: Please vote YES on Item 12, affirming original ICE Ordinance

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With this in mind, the Board of Supervisors has our heartfelt thanks for having recently acted to affirm these equal-justice principles, by banning the SMC Sheriff's Office and any other County agencies from cooperating with ICE.

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For all of the reasons above, and for the additional reasons described in that letter, we urge you to **please vote YES on Agenda Item 12**.

Doing so would support the principle of equal justice under the law for everybody in San Mateo County, as already endorsed by the Board. It would also make it absolutely clear that San Mateo County is officially opposed to imposing any kind of selective double punishment on individuals who have already paid their debt to society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,  
Debby Leschyn  
Belmont  
District 2

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** vaughn harrison <vaughnharrison@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 7:17 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Vaughn Harrison. I am a member of Coastside Immigrant Advocacy Group and La Honda Indivisible, and a supporter of Puente & ALAS, though I don't speak for any of them, and I live in El Granada. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witness of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

I don't want to protect violent criminals, sex offenders and murderers from prosecution.

But I do want to protect the rights of people who are \*accused\* of such horrible crimes, as I consider them innocent until proven guilty.

But more than that, even if they are proven guilty, I think their rights should be protected. Yes, they \*should\* go to prison. They should not be executed. They should not be tortured. They should be treated humanely in our prison system. And they should not be deported after they have served their time.

Two wrongs don't make a right. We shouldn't treat criminals wrongly.

Sincerely,  
Vaughn Harrison



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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Lynne Torunian <ltorunian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 4:40 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT -- Please vote in favor of working with ICE!!

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Hello,

Please vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of illegal immigrants convicted of murder, rape and child molestation. These are three very important exemptions that we must have in place to protect American citizens above all else. Allowing these types of criminals to stay in our communities is wrong, naive, and dangerous. The recidivism rates for all crimes is growing at an alarming rate.

According to data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), 70% of prisoners released in 2012 were arrested again within five years, and the recidivism rate for prisoners with juvenile records is over 80%. Property crimes have a 78% recidivism rate within 5 years of their original release, drug crimes have a 70% rate, public order has a 69% rate, and violent offenses have a 65% recidivism rate.

Sexual crimes including rape and child sex crimes can have a recidivism rate as high as 35% and in some cases, 40% of sex offenders committed another sex crime within one year of their prison discharge. The majority of the children they molested after leaving prison were aged 13 or younger according to the Department of Justice.

We cannot let this happen. You represent American citizens and it is your job to protect American citizens. I urge you to vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of illegal aliens convicted of murder, rape and child molestation.

Thank you for your time.

Lynne Torunian  
Redwood City Resident

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Emily Morris <emilys.morris21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 3:48 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Emily, and I'm a San Mateo resident. I want to express my thanks to Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and **vote no** on Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Immigrants are our neighbors, friends, coworkers and family members, and they are essential members of our communities who contribute greatly to the success of San Mateo County. All of us, regardless of immigration status, deserve safety and to live free from fear.

Thank you for your time,  
Emily

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Becca Kieler <beccakieler12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:50 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Becca Kieler and I live in NFO and am a member of In Our Care, Fixin' SMC, SMCDCC and UUFRC. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

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Regards,

**Becca Kieler**  
co-founder



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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Sarah Hubbard <sjhhubbard@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:43 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
**Subject:** Please vote no on #11 on the amendments and yes on #12 to adopt the ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sarah Hubbard, a resident of San Mateo and member of SURJ San Mateo. I want to thank Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for last week's support of the ordinance to end ICE collusion, and request that you all adopt the ordinance and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

These amendments divide and hurt our communities, scapegoating immigrants and enshrining into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward without the proposed amendments.

Best,

Sarah Hubbard

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Adam Wantz <wantzeconomics@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:27 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** 4/25/23 BoS meeting: Please vote YES on Item 12, affirming original ICE Ordinance

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Adam Wantz and Patricia Leggett-Wantz  
Belmont, CA  
*Residents of San Mateo County Supervisorial District 2*

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Adam Wantz <wantzeconomics@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:26 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** 4/25/23 BoS meeting: Please vote NO on Item 11, amended ICE Ordinance

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

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If Item 11 were to be passed, it would create a new and troubling set of exceptions to this fundamental concept of equal justice.

The second round of punishment specifically contemplated under Item 11 is that a person could be turned over to ICE! In practice, this would subject them to the horrific and dehumanizing conditions and abusive risks of ICE detention. And unless a person in this awful situation can afford to pay expensive legal fees, it's possible that they would not have any lawyer at all to help defend them against this double punishment, as court-appointed legal representation is specifically *not* made available to people for the purpose of seeking release from ICE custody.

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For all of the reasons above, and for the additional reasons described in that letter, we urge you to **please vote NO on Agenda Item 11**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Adam Wantz and Patricia Leggett-Wantz  
Belmont, CA  
*Residents of San Mateo County Supervisorial District 2*



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Rachel Lassman <liv18soccr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 2:15 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Please vote in favor of the 3 exceptions!

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Please vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of asylum seekers convicted of murder, rape and child molestation. These are three very important exemptions that we must have in place to protect American citizens above all else. Allowing these type of criminals to stay in our communitites is wrong, naive, and dangerous. The recidivism rates for all crimes is growing at an alarming rate.

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We cannot let this happen. You represent American citizens and it your job to protect American citizens. I urge you to vote in favor of working with ICE for deportation of asylum seekers convicted of murder, rape and child molestation.

Rachel Lassman  
(509) 216-4046

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** gfava@att.net  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 12:40 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Sanctuary Ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a 63 year resident of San Mateo County.

I read the Channel 7 news article about San Mateo County about Sup. Canepa proposal to not cooperate with ICE on the release of convicted murderers, rapists, etc....He would rather release these people back into the San Mateo County public because they 'have served their time'.....There is a very high chance that these released criminals will offend again so why are you putting their rights ahead of law abiding citizens? Have you not seen the HUGE increase in crime over the last twenty years? I sure have... and if you cannot admit that then your are either a liar or a complete idiot.

We need to make changes that protect the majority of law abiding citizens, not the minority of criminals that have violated law and order! They need to earn the trust of society again, not be given a free pass to prey on another victim. Stop catering to the liberal minority and protect the law abiding citizens!

Do not pass this proposal and protect the majority of the people that put you in office.

If this ordinance passes, the blood of the first innocent victims that are prayed upon by these released criminals will be on your hands and I hope you have to face their families and see the anguish that you have put them through.

Stop this madness and vote NO against this ordinance.

Greg Fava  
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Redwood City, CA 94062  
650-704-4810



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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Stephanie Reyes <sreyes.bayarea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:50 AM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** April 25 meeting - please Vote Yes on Item 12, ICE Ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Reyes  
2831 Olivares Ln  
San Mateo, CA 94403

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Stephanie Reyes <sreyes.bayarea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:49 AM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** April 25 meeting - please Vote No on Item 11, amended ICE Ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

**Please vote No on the amendment to the ICE ordinance.** All people deserve equal treatment under the law, regardless of their immigration status. Our justice system is set up so once they have paid their dues to society and returned back to the community, they should be able to get on with their life. They should not be punished twice if they are undocumented, being turned over to ICE with its horrific conditions in detention and history of abuse.

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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Reyes  
2831 Olivares Ln  
San Mateo, CA 94403

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Sara Matlin <sara@smatlin.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:41 PM  
**To:** Dave Pine; David Canepa; Noelia Corzo; Warren Slocum; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Ban County collusion with ICE, no exceptions: Agenda items 11 (oppose) & 12 (support)

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Re: Agenda items 11 (oppose) & 12 (support)

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Sara Matlin, and I'm a Redwood City homeowner. I'm the co-chair of the ACLU-North Peninsula Chapter and a founder of the San Mateo County Coalition for Immigrant Rights. I support the ordinance that bans using County resources to help deport our neighbors, and I oppose any amendments to weaken that ordinance.

Thank you, Supervisors Pine, Canepa, Corzo, and Slocum for voting to introduce the ordinance to permanently end the county's collusion with ICE. Remain firm in your leadership, and do not weaken the ordinance with any amendments. Please do not erase the historic progress we have made toward honoring the [Board of Supervisors' resolved commitment](#) to "promote fairness and justice for our most impacted communities" and to "support the collective liberation of all people in San Mateo County."

Supervisor Mueller, please reconsider your attempts to weaken the ordinance. Your statements at the April 11, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting confirmed that you had done research before the meeting, as a responsible attorney does. However, your statements also revealed some misconceptions about the realities of the complex field of "crimmigration," where immigration and criminal law intersect.

You stated that, "if this crime is terrible enough, this policy allows for cooperation if a warrant is issued." That is not an accurate statement of the law or the ordinance. The proposed ordinance does not allow cooperation with ICE in response to a judicial warrant because a "crime is terrible enough." Rather, the ordinance allows judicial warrants as an exception because they require a higher level of due process protections that ICE detainers do not require. A judge may only sign a judicial warrant after finding probable cause for detention. An immigration agent—not a judicial officer—files an ICE detainer based on ICE's interest in deporting the person. Most detainers are not supported by probable cause.

You also stated that you would support funding to train officers to understand the exceptions to the ordinance. Perhaps you are unaware of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office's history of knowingly violating federal immigration law. In 2011, Sheriff Munks admitted to me and other attorneys in the San Mateo County Coalition for Immigrant Rights that he knew his officers held immigrants in Maguire Jail for longer than ICE's requests allowed. Sheriff Munks was already very highly trained. And yet he and his officers perpetuated policies and practices that disproportionately violated the rights of immigrants. He was happy to give immigrants more than just double punishment so he could more effectively help ICE separate our neighbors from their families and our community. Sheriff Munks only ended that policy after continuous pressure from the San Mateo County Coalition for Immigrant Rights and the threat of legal action.

Yes, we have a different sheriff now, and we should support her in the positive change she wants to bring to her department. Sheriff Corpus supports this ordinance because she understands "the effect and trauma experienced by

families who have had loved ones taken into ICE custody.” She has decided that colluding with ICE is “not something that [she] would like [her] office to be associated with.” Help her defend the Sheriff’s Office’s policy of declining to assist ICE. Support the Sheriff in saving our county the funds and the heartache involved in helping ICE deport our neighbors.

Supervisors Pine, Canepa, Corzo, Mueller, and Slocum, for 15 years, hundreds of your constituents have begged you to stop using County funds to tear our neighbors and loved ones from us. Please do not amend this ordinance. Pass a clean ordinance that will make our county proud.

Sincerely,

Sara Matlin

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Yedida Kanfer <yedidakanfer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:10 AM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** April 25 meeting - Please vote NO on Item 11, Amended ICE Ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Yedida Kanfer and I am a resident of Foster City. I was overjoyed to see that the Board of Supervisors was open to an ordinance on ICE. I am 100% opposed to the proposed amendment to this ordinance.

**Please vote No on the amendment to the ICE ordinance.** All people deserve equal treatment under the law, regardless of their immigration status. Our justice system is set up so once they have paid their dues to society and returned back to the community, they should be able to get on with their life. They should not be punished twice if they are undocumented, being turned over to ICE with its horrific conditions in detention and history of abuse.

As Puente and Asian Law Caucus and a number of organizations said in a letter to Supervisor Mueller, "Opponents of Sanctuary policy, including the past administration, relied on criminalizing language to promote their anti-immigrant agenda. By doing so, they shift the focus away from systemic needs to improve the criminal justice system and mental health services, and instead cruelly scapegoat immigrants. Communities of color know that these are racialized coded strategies.... the county should not be colluding with an agency known for its human rights abuses and racist practices. We must put an end to a two-tiered system of justice that punishes our immigrant community solely based on their place of birth."

Thanks so much,  
Yedida Kanfer

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Yedida Kanfer <yedidakanfer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:12 AM  
**To:** David Canepa; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo; Ray Mueller;  
CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** April 25 meeting - please vote YES on Item 12, ICE Ordinance

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Yedida Kanfer, and I am a resident of Foster City. **Please vote yes on Item 12, the ICE ordinance that you approved last week.** All people deserve equal treatment under the law, regardless of their immigration status. Our justice system is set up so once they have paid their dues to society and returned back to the community, they should be able to get on with their life.

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Thank you,  
Yedida



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** David Vallerga <vallerga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:06 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** ICE ordinance

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No one is above the law. We've been talking nationally about that a lot recently. But there is an similar concept that in many ways is just as important:

No one IS the law.

Giving a Sheriff the unilateral option to impose additional punishment on anyone without a prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, judge, jury or anything else that our constitution requires creates a person who we have decided IS the law. This is fundamentally wrong.

Opponents of Sanctuary policy, including the past administration, relied on criminalizing language to promote their anti-immigrant agenda. By doing so, they shift the focus away from systemic needs to improve the criminal justice system and mental health services, and instead cruelly scapegoat immigrants. Communities of color know that these are racialized coded strategies.... the county should not be colluding with an agency known for its human rights abuses and racist practices. We must put an end to a two-tiered system of justice that punishes our immigrant community solely based on their place of birth.

Please pass item 12, the ICE ordinance you previously passed and reject item 11, the amended ICE ordinance. It is important.

David Vallerga  
Emerald Hills

**From:** [Jay](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** David Canepa & Dave Pine - Refusing to Cooperate with ICE  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 9:19:21 PM

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As a friend and constituent, I am angered why you made the decision to refuse to cooperate with ICE regarding deportation of convicted criminals. These people are not immigrants, but convicted criminals! They violated the law once by not waiting their turn to enter the country legally, and then were convicted of violating state law by committing a crime. I know the progressive attitude is to allow "undocumented" immigrants to enter the country through the southern border. Would you feel the same if plane loads of "undocumented" people landed at SFO from say, a middle east country, and rushed past immigration / passport inspection security? Isn't it the exact same thing??? We have enough repeat offenders in our criminal justice system. If the "immigrant" obeyed our laws, they would not face deportation. I urge you to reconsider your position. Although I will remain a friend, these far left "progressive" attitudes will force me & my friends / family to reconsider our political support.

Jay Morena  
San Bruno

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Yiran Liu <yiranliu@stanford.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:24 AM  
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Dear Supervisors Pine, Canepa, Slocum, and Corzo,

I hope you all had a great weekend. I am writing again to follow-up on the topic of the ordinance to end ICE transfers in San Mateo County. I hope you will adopt the ordinance and vote no to Sup. Mueller's amendments, which were based on unfounded and misinformed prejudices against immigrants. Reports ([link](#)) and reputable studies ([link](#)), including a recent paper by a Stanford professor ([link](#)) have provided clear evidence that sanctuary policies are beneficial for the economy and social harmony and do NOT increase crime (if anything, some studies have shown that sanctuary counties experience less crime than non-sanctuary counties). The proposed amendments would again enable a justice system that doubly punishes immigrants and stokes fear and insecurity among immigrant communities. That does not align with the values that San Mateo County aspires toward, and that is not a county I would want to live in.

I want to thank all of you for your support for the ordinance thus far and hope you will continue to move forward towards adoption of the ordinance, without the misguided amendments proposed by Sup. Mueller. I am hopeful that we can cultivate a community in San Mateo County that is welcoming and supportive of immigrants AND survivors and witnesses of violence who should be able to get the help they need without fear of themselves or their community members being deported. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Yiran Liu  
Resident of Redwood City

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**From:** Yiran Liu  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item #12: Support for ordinance to end ICE collusion and keep families together

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Yiran Liu and I am a resident of Redwood City and a PhD student at Stanford. I am in full support of Supervisor Pine & Supervisor Canepa's ordinance to permanently end ICE transfers in our county. ICE detention centers have been exposed for extreme human rights abuses, abysmal living conditions, deficient healthcare resources, and severe medical neglect. In addition to threatening the health of individuals detained in ICE, transfers to ICE are harmful for public and community health, as each individual who is sent to ICE is torn from their family and loved ones in ways that traumatize our communities. As both a public health

researcher and a fellow human and community member who values the health, well-being, and life of all of our community members, including immigrants, I urge the Board of Supervisors to pass this ordinance to commit to no more colluding with ICE. Our taxpayer dollars should be going toward programs and initiatives that improve public health, education, affordable housing, and other social services that support immigrants and other individuals and families in need, NOT ICE transfers. Thank you Supervisors Pine and Canepa for introducing this ordinance, and thank you Sheriff Corpus for supporting it.

Sincerely,  
Yiran Liu

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Jenny Horne <JHorne@legalaidsmc.org>  
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Agenda Items: 11 and 12

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have been a staff attorney at Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County for almost twenty-nine years and have lived in San Mateo County for over thirty years. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

At Legal Aid SMC, I have worked with countless survivors of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, rape, and other serious crimes. I have seen the terrible suffering these crimes cause to their survivors and believe strongly we need a criminal justice system to prevent and prosecute these crimes.

The ordinance to end ICE collusion helps law enforcement capture and prosecute violent criminals who prey on our most vulnerable community members, including many immigrants. Our community is safer if our immigrant community members can contact law enforcement without fear of negative immigration consequences for their family members; ICE cooperation by local authorities reduces reporting and erodes immigrants' trust in local police.

Amending the ordinance to create exceptions for immigrants convicted of serious felonies including child molestation is unnecessary. Persons convicted of serious felonies are sent to the California state prison system; a local ordinance separating law enforcement from immigration enforcement does not set these individuals free or prevent their deportation after serving their sentences with the California Department of Corrections.

The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine, which codifies existing, tested policy, will ensure that crime survivors and witnesses feel safe coming forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. Any amendments creating exceptions will weaken this trust, endangering our communities.

**Jenny Horne**

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

THANK YOU to Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and I urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote NO on Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Best,  
Linh Dan Do  
Resident of Menlo Park, San Mateo County

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Eunice Hernandez <eunice@pangealegal.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Warren Slocum; Noelia Corzo  
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Eunice Hernandez Chenier with Pangea Legal Services, a former Redwood City resident. I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

I lived in Redwood City for 8 years, a place I loved but could no longer afford. Before then I lived in San Jose for 9 years and even though I did not love it like I loved Redwood City, I felt safer there as a formerly undocumented immigrant because of Santa Clara County's no collusion with ICE ordinance. I wish San Mateo County would have ended its collusion with ICE and codified it many years ago. I hope tomorrow you will adopt the ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine.

Best,  
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Céline DinhJanelle with Pangea Legal Services. Several of my clients live in San Mateo, and I am a former resident of Redwood City.

Thank you Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week. I write now to urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote **no** to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation.

It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Thank you,

Céline DinhJanelle

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**From:** [D. Gold](#)  
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Ray Mueller is conducting a campaign that demonizes immigrants, and is very likely to result in more anti-immigrant violence. Immigrants do not engage in more serious violent crimes than others in the population, in fact studies show it is much less.

People who have been found guilty of serious felonies are not incarcerated in the county jail, but in state prisons, and the cooperation of state prisons with ICE is not affected by the ordinance. Arguing that people convicted of crimes, and released after serving their sentence should somehow be subject to the life-threatening conditions imposed by ICE or created in the countries to which they are sent, creates a two-tier system of criminal injustice.

Please vote to confirm your previous decision. Thanks

D. Gold  
Pacifica

**From:** [Bianca Santos](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [David Canepa](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#)  
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Bianca Santos with Pangea Legal Services and I have clients who live and work in San Mateo County. I live in the Bay and am frequently in San Mateo County to shop, eat, watch my children play youth soccer, and visit family.

I applaud Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo, and Slocum for supporting the ordinance to end ICE collusion last week, and urge you to adopt the ordinance, and vote no to Sup. Mueller's misguided amendments.

We should never exploit the pain that communities face in order to scapegoat immigrants and enshrine into law a two-tiered system of justice. The ordinance introduced by Sup. Canepa and Sup. Pine will ensure that survivors and witnesses of violence can come forward to get the help they need without the fear of deportation. It's time to move forward, and not go back to amendments that divide and hurt our communities.

Thank you for the work you do.

Best,

Bianca

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April 24, 2023

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo  
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

**Re: The Unity Council's Written Comment on the April 25, 2023, agenda - items 11 & 12.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

For almost 60 years, The Unity Council has been a leader in social equity and community development, working tirelessly to uplift and empower marginalized communities in Oakland and beyond. Central to our mission is a commitment to supporting immigrants and refugees and recognizing the unique challenges they face and the vital contributions they make to our communities.

**San Mateo County has the opportunity to join Oakland in taking a stand against the harmful and discriminatory policies of ICE by adopting a similar sanctuary policy.** On January 16, 2018, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday that expands the sanctuary city policy to bar any branch of city government from cooperating with any ICE action<sup>1</sup>.

**California is home to more than 10.5 million immigrants<sup>2</sup>,** with different legal statuses such as green card holders, DACA recipients, H-1B visa holders, student visa holders, family-based visa holders, asylees, and refugees. In California, undocumented workers made up about 9 percent of the labor force<sup>3</sup>.

**The proposed amendment by Supervisor Mueller is highly discriminatory as it seeks to treat individuals differently based solely on their birthplace.** This policy would result in double punishment for non-U.S. citizens — first with imprisonment, and then involuntary exile for the rest of their life. Many of these individuals have no ties to their birth countries, do not speak or write the language, and have no support systems. In some cases, the United States is the only country they have known since arriving.

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<sup>1</sup> [Oakland cuts ties with ICE in response to controversial raid \(mercurynews.com\)](https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/01/16/oakland-cuts-ties-with-ice-in-response-to-controversial-raid/)

<sup>2</sup> [Immigrants in California - Public Policy Institute of California \(ppic.org\)](https://ppic.org/immigrants-in-california/)

<sup>3</sup> [These U.S. industries can't work without illegal immigrants - CBS News](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/these-u-s-industries-cant-work-without-illegal-immigrants/)

**This amendment goes against American values of rehabilitation, restorative justice, and second chance.** It is important to note that when young people are arrested, convicted of crimes, and later rehabilitated, this discriminatory policy would result in them being transferred directly to ICE for deportation. Survivors of rape, child molestation, deserve compassion and support, but using their experiences to push for discriminatory policies that harm entire communities is unacceptable.

**Roughly five million American-born children are US citizens with at least one undocumented parent at risk for deportation<sup>4</sup>.** Studies have shown the enormous toll that the deportation of a parent takes on children, and children who lose a parent, and face family separation to deportation are far more likely to drop out of school and as a result, are at greater risk of entering the criminal justice system themselves and perpetuate cycles of violence and poverty.

**Punishing a person twice for crimes listed in the proposed amendment does not address the root causes of their behavior, instead, it creates discrimination against certain communities.** Many of these immigrants have lived in historically underserved communities, with concentrated poverty, inadequate economic and social support, high levels of violence in their neighborhoods, lack of access to mental health care, and under-resourced and failing public schools. These factors increase exposure to the risk factors that lead to criminal activity. Moreover, many have high rates of post-traumatic stress disorder from having to flee their countries, which further compounds these issues.

We urge you to reject this discriminatory amendment and reaffirm your commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of all members of our communities, regardless of their birthplace or legal status.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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<sup>4</sup> [U.S. births to unauthorized immigrants have fallen since 2007 | Pew Research Center](#)

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My name is Deni Asnis with Pacifica Social Justice. I live in Pacifica and am a constituent of Supervisor Mueller.

I was thrilled to witness the approval of the ordinance to end ICE collusion in San Mateo County supported by Supervisors Canepa, Pine, Corzo and Slocum. I've been attending Board meetings and Truth Act Forums on this issue for some years and have been moved by the fact that though some Supervisors didn't support ending collusion with ICE when first suggested, over the years they've listened carefully to the community's concerns, stories and information and realized that adopting this ordinance was the right thing to do to fairly serve all the people of San Mateo County. Accepting the amendment would give in to scapegoating immigrants and continue a two-tiered system of justice. I urge you to pass the ordinance as it is and reject any amendments. Continue to support justice and equity.

Thank you,  
Deni Asnis, Pacifica