
From: Yedida Kanfer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 7:29 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Truth Act

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I am submitting written comments for Agenda Item #1 of the San Mateo County Truth Act Forum.

My name is Yedida Kanfer, and I am a San Mateo County resident. In my day-job, I teach young people about social responsibility and combating bias. The recent grand jury report in San Mateo showed there is so much work to be done, but I know that education is a powerful tool in tackling hate.

Policy with regards to ICE is also a powerful tool. I am really disappointed that San Mateo County is still transferring our community members to ICE even when they have earned their release. San Mateo County is falling behind other counties in the state that are protecting their immigrant residents. For example, Los Angeles County, with the state's largest jail system, has ceased all transfers to ICE. Los Angeles and other counties (including many Bay Area counties!) recognize that our criminal laws disproportionately target Black people and people of color, as do our immigration laws. I believe we are better than this! If we uphold our values, we will move San Mateo County forward--and keep up with other counties across the state that protect their immigrant residents.

On a basic, human level, it is cruel to separate immigrants from their loved ones. How would I feel if someone tore me apart from my family? I can't even fathom it. Like all people, an immigrant who is released from jail should be able to restart their life with their community and family, instead of being threatened with deportation.

I demand that Sheriff Bolanos and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers and put an end to the painful separations of our communities and families in San Mateo County.

Thank you.

Yedida Kanfer

From: michael levinson [REDACTED]
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To all board members, These questions might be posed to the sheriff upon the completion of his opening remarks at tomorrow's TRUTH ACT FORUM, which is item #1 on the agenda. Answers to these questions would be greatly appreciated, however you choose to ask them. thanks.
Michael Levinson (SMCCIR and ACLU - North Peninsula Chapter)

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In light of the fact that COVID-19 is rapidly spreading in immigration detention facilities and is particularly severe for certain vulnerable populations, does the Sheriff's office have exceptions to your ICE transfer and notification policy and practice for a person who is elderly or has underlying medical conditions? What if the person is positive for COVID-19 in your custody, would you still transfer them to ICE or notify ICE about that individual?

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From: Kevin Lanigan [REDACTED]
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As a twenty year resident of Portola Valley, I'd like to voice my encouragement to all San Mateo County public officials, including Supervisors and the Sheriff's Office, to cooperate fully with ALL Public Safety and Law Enforcement organizations. County, State and Local officials should work cooperatively with ALL branches of Federal Law Enforcement, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

For the safety of all Californians and all in Public Safety and Law Enforcement, public office holders must fulfill their responsibilities and stop encouraging voices that vilify agencies, and the individuals in them, that uphold and enforce our country's laws.