

## TRUTH Act Community Forum 2026 | Question Submissions

### What would you like to ask the Sheriff's Office regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals in custody in 2025?

1. How do ICE agents identify themselves without badges and names?
2. *This next question has seven parts:*
  1. What does interpretation and/or translation access look like for anyone in your custody?
  2. What systems do you rely on to determine someone's identity and personal identifying information such as country of origin, particularly for those who can't communicate in English?
  3. What types of community member data is shared with ICE/DHS/CBP, and through which mechanisms or systems is that information transmitted?
  4. Is any personal data being shared before a transfer has been made over to federal officials?
  5. What access and privileges are granted to ICE or other federal agents on county property, including non-public areas?
  6. How is the determination made that a person is a non-citizen and what protections and accountability measures exist to prevent wrongful detention or transfer—including of U.S. citizens?
  7. The Values Act statistical report includes information of at least 5 individuals who reported being US citizens. What are the circumstances in which a U.S. citizen would be transferred to federal officials?
3. *This question has six parts:*
  1. Can you walk us through where in the booking/release process the judicial warrants come up and how the Sheriff's Office responds to these within the SB 54 vetting process?
    - a. Once the Sheriff's Office receives a judicial warrant, how does the Office verify that it's signed by a judge?
    - b. How does the receipt of a judicial warrant for an individual in Sheriff custody affect the Sheriff's SB 54 vetting process for individuals?
    - c. What are the forms and frequency of communication between ICE and Sheriff staff about individual warrants?
    - d. If a judicial warrant is received right before a person is about to be released, how does the department respond? (For example, some individuals were slated to not be transferred to ICE custody but we notice a judicial warrant is received the same day they are meant to be released).
  2. When will the SDSO begin to post the monthly data about the number of interviews, notifications and transfers on the Sheriff's website?
    - a. Both Supervisors and community advocates have repeatedly requested for years that SDSO to post data about the number of interviews, notifications and transfers on the Sheriff's website on a monthly basis. In fact we made this request during last year's TRUTH Act forum and the Sheriff shared she would look into it.
    - b. The Sheriff's Office tracks this data on a monthly basis to prepare for annual reporting requirements under the TRUTH Act + SB 54 so there is no reason why this would be an extraneous task for the department.
  3. What did the Sheriff mean when she responded to a question submitted to the 2025 TF with "there are indications this Administration is also utilizing warrants in an

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- unprecedented fashion”? Also, why are we seeing a rapid increase in ICE using judicial warrants to facilitate transfers from SDSO?
4. How does SDSO ensure that they are not transferring US citizens into ICE custody? In 2025, there were 5 individuals who reported their place of birth as USA. a. How and why does SDSO ask individuals who enter SDSO custody to “self-report” their country of birth and citizenship during the booking process? How does this occur? Orally? In writing? How does an individual opt out? Can they refuse to answer? What are the consequences of refusing to answer? What percent of individuals refuse to self-report? How do you use this information?
  5. Will the Sheriff share redacted versions of the judicial warrants that were used to facilitate past transfers (2024, 2025, 2026) and on a monthly basis going forward onto its public website for public review?
    - a. In 2024, we saw an unprecedented number of federal judicial warrants for individuals in custody. Despite a request from community organizations, the Sheriff declined to provide the specific violations or offenses for the individuals transferred under the “Offense Code” of federal warrants.
    - b. During 2025, we see the largest number yet of federal judicial warrants used by SDSO to transfer individuals to ICE/DHS custody.
    - c. In the interest of transparency so we can better understand this disturbing trend, would the Sheriff promptly provide complete information on specific violations or offenses for each individual transferred under the Offense Code of judicial warrants in 2024, 2025, 2026, and on a monthly basis going forward in 2026?
    - d. Our PRA requests have not received the priority responses that we would expect and that are required by law. We need this information promptly.
  6. Who other than the Sheriff is responsible for safety and access to parking lots on County property?
    - a. The Sheriff denies responsibility for informal practices that circumvent SB 54 (such as parking lot pick-ups) because she doesn’t have custody over individuals once they are released from County jails [as per reply by Sheriff to question 14, TAF 2025].
    - b. Why does the Sheriff continue to collude with ICE and deny her role in this devious practice - stripping immigrants of their safe and lawful return to the community?
4. *This question has six parts:*
1. Why does the SD Sheriff's Office refuse to honor Board Policy L-2?
  2. How many total Sheriff staff are responsible for vetting individuals to assess if they are eligible to be transferred or not under SB 54?
  3. How much are their salaries? This discretionary use of County resources for intake, vetting, notification, and transfers is NOT supported by County policy L-02 nor by community testimony at past TAFs. The Sheriff claims that she has not added staffing to handle the increase in ICE requests for Notifications (in 2024: 1,236), and Transfers (from 25 in 2023 to 83 in 2025).
  4. What other types of adjustments did SDSO make to handle the additional cases?
  5. What other staff functions and funding for alternate community safety programs could be adopted if the Sheriff would stop her discretionary collusion with ICE?
  6. As immigrants enter and exit SDSO custody and data bases, what is the Sheriff doing to prevent disparate treatment due to racial profiling or place of birth?
5. *This question has four parts:*

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1. Will you commit to ending the Sheriff's complicity in deportations?
2. Will you commit to stopping ICE access to county facilities?
3. Will you commit to ending all transfers and notifications to ICE?
4. Will you commit to cutting all sharing of resources with DHS agencies?
  
6. The SD Sherriff's Office's collaboration with ICE violates the California Values Act (SB 54) and makes all San Diegans less safe - Will you commit to ending it please?
  
7. The CLEAR Act codifies the provisions of County Board Policy L-2, which the Sheriff has refused to comply with, into law. This includes not sharing information or transferring individuals to ICE without a warrant. Does the Sheriff intend to comply with the CLEAR ordinance?
  
8. Under the CA Values Act, a Sheriff is only allowed to do ICE transfers and notifications for specific convictions without a warrant as long as doing so does not conflict with a local policy or ordinance. San Diego County Board Policy L-2 does not allow transfers or notifications without a warrant, so any transfers or notifications without a warrant violate not just Board Policy L-2 but also state law. Why did the Sheriff refuse to follow the CA Values Act by allowing transfers and notifications without a warrant once Board Policy L-2 was in place?
  
9. Why has the Sheriff increased the number of transfers and notifications to ICE without a warrant over the last year?
  
10. Will you commit to ending the Sheriff's complicity in deportations?
  
11. Will you commit to stopping ICE access to county facilities?
  
12. *This question has two parts:*  
LGBTQ+ individuals, particularly transgender women, are among the most vulnerable to abuse, sexual assault, and medical neglect in immigration detention.
  1. When the Sheriff's Department transfers community members to ICE custody, what steps are taken to flag and protect LGBTQ+ individuals?
  2. Does the department track the outcomes of LGBTQ+ people it has transferred, including whether they received adequate medical care — including HIV medication and gender-affirming care — while in federal detention?
  
13. With the L2 Policy and the Clear Ordinance, the only legal way for the Sheriff Department to transfer an individual to ICE is when a valid judicial warrant is presented. Do you agree with this statement? If not, please point to a specific provision of the law and explain the legal basis of transfers to ICE without a valid judicial warrant.
  
14. *This question has two parts:*
  1. How many of the 2025 ICE transfers have a valid judicial warrant?
  2. For those cases without a judicial warrant, what was the basis of the transfers?
  
15. *This question has 20 parts:*
  1. Since February 27, 2026, how many individuals has the Sheriff's Department transferred to ICE custody?

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2. Of those transfers, since Feb 27 2026, how many were supported by a judicial warrant, as required under San Diego's CLEAR Ordinance?
  3. Does the Department intend to fully comply with the San Diego County CLEAR Ordinance? If yes: What specific policy changes, training, and accountability measures have been implemented? If no: What is the legal basis for declining compliance with state and local law?
  4. For all individuals transferred to ICE in 2025, what specific statutory exceptions under SB 54 were used to justify each transfer where a judicial warrant was not presented?
  5. In cases where individuals were transferred despite convictions older than 15 years (including those from 1995, 1996, 2005 and 2008), what legal rationale allowed those transfers under SB 54?
  6. How does the Sheriff's Department ensure consistent and legally accurate interpretation of SB 54 eligibility criteria?
  7. Through what mechanisms is information shared between Sheriffs Department with federal officials or agents (e.g., databases, direct communication, joint task forces)?
  8. Are federal immigration agents permitted to enter Sheriff's non-public areas (e.g., sally ports, intake areas, parking facilities)? If so, under what policies or agreements?
  9. What local or regional databases or communication systems are used to facilitate information-sharing with federal immigration authorities?
  10. Has any Federal agency asked the Sheriff's Department to conduct a traffic stop, "whisper stop," or any other stop of a civilian? How many of these stops have resulted in an immigration related detention?
  11. Does the Sheriff's department have a policy to address requests from federal agencies to assist with a stop, assist with crowd control or a "call for cover"? Can you make any policies public?
  12. What local resources (including staff time, facilities, transportation, or equipment) are used by Sheriffs Department to support federal immigration enforcement activities?
  13. How does the Sheriffs Department track and report the use of these public resources? How much is the value in dollars of these public resources?
  14. What safeguards exist to prevent the wrongful detention, notification, or transfer of U.S. citizens to ICE by the Sheriffs Department?
  15. How does the Sheriffs Department respond to documented cases in which individuals reported being U.S.-born but were still transferred or referred to ICE? What oversight, auditing, or complaint mechanisms are in place to detect and correct these errors?
  16. How is demographic data (including ethnicity, such as Native American identity) collected and verified by the Sheriffs Department in ICE transfer reports?
  17. Are individuals self-identifying, or is this information assigned by staff or derived from other records?
  18. What internal policies, legal guidance, or supervisory approvals are required by the Sheriffs Department before honoring ICE requests?
  19. Have these policies changed in the last year? If yes, what are the changes?
  20. Are you concerned that continued ICE notifications and transfers by your Department expose individuals to prolonged or mandatory detention and deportation under current federal policies, including the denial of bond and serious concerns about detention conditions, conditions that have led to a historic number of deaths? Given these risks, are you willing to halt transfers of community members to ICE custody?
16. Will you commit to cutting all sharing of resources with DHS agencies?

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17. What steps do you plan to take to achieve compliance with SB 54?
18. How much resources in monetary value did the Sherrif's Department spent in transferring individuals to ICE in 2025, taking into account human resources and other administrative costs?
19. Is the District Attorney complying with Board Policy L-2? Does the District Attorney intend to comply with the CLEAR ordinance?
20. Is the Probation Dept complying with policy L-2? Does the Probation Dept intend to comply with the CLEAR ordinance?
21. Did the Probation Dept. make any ICE notifications or transfers without a warrant in 2025?
22. Did the District Attorney's office make any ICE notifications or transfers without a warrant in 2025?