



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** April 22, 2025

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### SUBJECT

**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS DURING 2024 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### OVERVIEW

In 2016, the State of California enacted the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds Act, also known as the “TRUTH Act.” As part of the TRUTH Act, Government Code Section 7283.1(d) requires that the governing body of a county hold an annual community forum if a local law enforcement agency within that county provided federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access, as defined in the Act, to individuals during the previous year.

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to hold a TRUTH Act community forum in order to provide information about ICE’s access to individuals, and to receive and consider public comment. This forum was noticed to the public on March 21, 2025. During the forum, the Sheriff’s Office will report on the Office’s interactions and communication with ICE during 2024. No other County departments provided ICE access, as defined in the Act, to individuals in 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

#### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Hold a community forum on April 22, 2025, in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1(d).
2. Receive a report from the Sheriff’s Office regarding ICE access to individuals during 2024.

### EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

To increase transparency and public access to information, the County will hold a community forum and solicit public comment regarding any County departments that have provided access, as defined in the Act, to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with a summary of data. Information reported includes the number of individuals to whom the agency has provided ICE access and their demographic characteristics, the date ICE access was provided, and how ICE access was provided, either through a hold, transfer, notification request or through other means.

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### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to hold a public Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act Community Forum and receive a report from the Sheriff's Office regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to individuals during 2024 contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community and providing just and equitable access. To engage the community in meaningful ways and solicit stakeholder input in the civic process, the County of San Diego is hosting a community forum in a publicly accessible space and with at least 30 days of public notice with the goal of designing public processes that encourage people and diverse stakeholders to participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities. Furthermore, by inviting public comment to all community members wishing to participate, and by offering translated materials and interpretation services in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Persian (Farsi and Dari), Somali, Spanish, Filipino (Tagalog), and Vietnamese, the proposed TRUTH Act Community Forum furthers the County of San Diego's vision of investing in just and equitable access to County services for all residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to hold a community forum and receive a report regarding ICE access to individuals. If approved, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2016, the State of California enacted the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds Act (Act), also known as the "TRUTH Act." The TRUTH Act requires, per Government Code Section 7283.1(d), that the governing body of a county hold an annual community forum if a local law enforcement agency within the county provided federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access, as defined in the Act, to individuals during the previous year. This forum shall be open to the public, in an accessible location, and with at least 30 days' notice, to provide information to the public about ICE's access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment.

The TRUTH Act defines local law enforcement agencies as those authorized to enforce criminal statutes, regulations, or local ordinances; or to operate jails or maintain custody of individuals in jails; or to operate juvenile detention facilities or maintain custody of individuals in juvenile detention facilities; or to monitor compliance with probation or parole conditions. The legislation defines ICE access and describes the conditions under which this access may be provided.

On March 21, 2025, notification of the TRUTH Act community forum to be held on April 22, 2025, during the Board of Supervisors' meeting, which is open to the public, was issued in compliance with the statute's requirement for notice 30 days prior to the forum. During the forum,

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The TRUTH Act community forum supports the Empower and Community initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan by sharing information with the public in compliance with state law.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

N/A