

Jami Napier

From: pathwork@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynne White
<pathwork@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Truth Act
Subject: Re: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

Dear Public Comment Submission,

My name is **Lynne White** and I am a psychotherapist and minister with offices in Pleasant Hill and Concord. I've been a resident of Contra Costa County for 50+ years.

I am proud to participate in today's forum in solidarity with the many Contra Costa community racial justice organizations. It is unfortunate that I cannot deliver this comment during the forum. The Board has severely limited public engagement in this year's TRUTH Act forum by beginning the forum at 9:30am -- an inaccessible time for essential workers, many of whom are immigrants -- and limiting public comment to 60 seconds.

I am concerned not only with Sheriff Livingston and his department's utter disregard for the needs, safety and wellbeing of Contra Costa's communities of color, but also with their continued collaboration with ICE. The COVID-19 pandemic is sickening and killing people in jails, prisons, and ICE facilities all over the country. I am deeply disturbed that despite this sobering reality, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department maintains a policy of notifying ICE of release dates for people who are eligible for release from county custody and publishing release dates online. Since the pandemic, the Sheriff's Office has failed to provide answers about the spread of COVID-19 in the county's jails, how many people they have turned over to ICE through notifications, and why they continue to publish release dates online. Furthermore, the recent Supreme Court Decision in *US v. CA* leaves intact rules that prohibit law enforcement officials from aiding federal agents in taking custody of immigrants as they are released from jail. This means that, in the midst of a pandemic, Sheriff Livingston and his department have made the decision to cooperate with ICE out of their own volition.

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Sincerely,
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From: Shelihcryderman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheli Cryderman
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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Truth Act
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Dear Public Comment Submission,

My name is Sheli Cryderman. I am a member of Racial Equity for MDUSD, and am employed at MDUSD. I am asking for the removal of support from ICE for the reasons mentioned below. I am also asking for an explanation of more and more \$ being allocated to the sheriff. I personally have acquaintances in law enforcement who honestly are admitting that their job duties are very quiet and not busy during this time of SIP. Why are we paying for more enforcement \$?

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Sincerely,
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Jami Napier

From: rose1margie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rose Barreto
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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Truth Act
Subject: Re: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

Dear Public Comment Submission,

My name is Rose Barreto. I have been a resident in Contra Costa County for 8 years.

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Sincerely,
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Jami Napier

From: John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Clerk of the Board; Jami Napier
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

On 7/27/20, 9:04 AM, "emills1948@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elsie Mills" <emills1948@everyactioncustom.com> wrote:

Dear District 1 Supervisor John Gioia,

My name is Elsie Mills and am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Contra Costa County. I have lived in Concord for 4 years.

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Sincerely,
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Jami Napier

From: Liz Miller <lizmiller.22@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Truth Act
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

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From: Liz Miller <lizmiller.22@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2020 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum
To: Candace Andersen <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us>, Diane Burgis <Diane.Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>, John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>, Karen Mitchoff <Karen.Mitchoff@bos.cccounty.us>, Federal Glover <Federal.Glover@bos.cccounty.us>
Cc: Tony Bravo <tony@workingeastbay.org>

Dear Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Elizabeth Miller** and I have been a resident of Danville since 1996, now enjoying my community, lifestyle, and retirement in the East Bay.

I am writing to submit comments regarding the 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum in solidarity with our many Contra Costa community racial justice organizations. It is unfortunate that the extreme time constraints imposed by the Board have severely limited public engagement in this year's TRUTH Act Forum. Let this letter be my voice instead.

Among other CCC citizens, I am **concerned not only with Sheriff Livingston and his department's utter disregard for the needs, safety and wellbeing of Contra Costa's communities of color, but also with their continued collaboration with ICE.** As you must surely know, the COVID-19 pandemic is sickening and killing people in jails, prisons, and ICE facilities all over the country. I am deeply disturbed that despite this sobering reality, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department maintains a policy of notifying ICE of release dates for people who are eligible for release from county custody and of publishing release dates online. Since the pandemic began, the Sheriff's Office has failed to provide answers about the spread of COVID-19 in the county's jails, how many people they have turned over to ICE through notifications, and why they continue to publish release dates online. On top of this, the recent Supreme Court Decision in US v. CA leaves intact rules that prohibit law enforcement officials from aiding federal agents in taking custody of immigrants as they are released from jail. This means that, in the midst of a pandemic, Sheriff Livingston and his department have made the decision to cooperate with ICE *out of their own volition.*

In light of these concerns, I am urging the county to **put a stop to ALL collaboration with ICE** and to increase transparency around the Sheriff's policies: (1) Stop notifying ICE of release dates through communications with ICE and publishing release dates online, (2) Adopt the recommendations of the Contra Costa County Immigrant Rights Alliance to Sheriff's Immigrant Policy, and (3) Provide the current version of the Sheriff's Immigrant Policy to the Community, including the Office's policy on ending ICE transfers.

Also concerning is the Sheriff's additional role as county coroner. The \$3.2 million supporting this should be invested in **funding an independent coroner, community-based mental health services, and a commitment to funding the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility.**

Finally, in these times of increased awareness of racial injustice, it is more important than ever that **AB 109 funds be used to assist people with reentry**, rather than to subsidize the Sheriff's coffers. AB 109 funds are designed to help challenge the racist system of mass incarceration and reduce recidivism by increasing reentry services — particularly for communities of color disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system.

I respectfully request your **action** on the above concerns. When law enforcement agencies are entangled with ICE and do not respond to the needs of the people they serve, it creates a chilling effect in the community, making each of us less safe. Thank you for your time.

Elizabeth Miller
Danville resident

Jami Napier

From: Karen Mitchoff
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Anne O
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for 7/28/20 Truth Act Forum

For public comment on Tuesday

Karen Mitchoff
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925-521-7100

From: Karen Beck <karenbeck730@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 1:53:25 PM
To: Candace Andersen <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us>; Diane Burgis <Diane.Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; John.Goia@bos.cccounty.us <John.Goia@bos.cccounty.us>; Karen Mitchoff <Karen.Mitchoff@bos.cccounty.us>; Federal Glover <Federal.Glover@bos.cccounty.us>; tony@workingeastby.org <tony@workingeastby.org>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/28/20 Truth Act Forum

Dear Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I belong to the San Ramon Valley Democratic Club. We have lived in Danville for 33 years. We have very strong feelings about accountability in government and especially where the Sheriff is concerned. His organization has too much power and money and you can do something about this if you only will. This is the time to do it.

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about the spread of COVID-19 in the county's jails, how many people they have turned over to ICE through notifications, and why they continue to publish release dates online. On top of this, the recent Supreme Court Decision in US v. CA leaves intact rules that prohibit law enforcement officials from aiding federal agents in taking custody of immigrants as they are released from jail. This means that, in the midst of a pandemic, Sheriff Livingston and his department have made the decision to cooperate with ICE *out of their own volition*. Why does he have this power in the first place?

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2. Hire an Independent Coroner and Invest in Community

The Sheriff should not be allowed to "police" himself, especially when it comes to investigating deaths in the county's jails. The Sheriff receives \$3.2 million to be the County's coroner. We demand that this \$3.2 mill be invested in funding an independent coroner, community-based mental health services, and a commitment to funding the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility. This is basic accountability.

3. Our communities continue to be over-policed and criminalized by the Sheriff's department. In solidarity with our racial justice community organizations, we demand that AB 109 funds be used to assist people with reentry, not to assist the Sheriff with criminalization.

The county should reinvest in our communities, not shift critical funds to subsidize the Sheriff's coffers. AB 109 funds are designed to help challenge the racist system of mass incarceration and reduce recidivism by increasing reentry services — particularly for communities of color disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system.

We respectfully request your attention to the aforementioned demand(s). When law enforcement agencies are entangled with ICE and do not respond to the needs of the people they serve, it creates a chilling effect in the community, making each of us less safe. Thank you for your time and hopeful consideration. We are white and have had lots of privilege. We truly want justice for others. We worked hard to get District Attorney Becton into office and this would be another step Contra Costa County could take to be a leader in ensuring justice for all.

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Danville CA

925-216-7708

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From: Karen Mitchoff
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Anne O
Subject: Fw: Subject: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

Forwarding to you as she mentions it's for public comment

From: DONALD STARK <1estark@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Candace Andersen <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us>; Diane Burgis <Diane.Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Karen Mitchoff <Karen.Mitchoff@bos.cccounty.us>; Federal Glover <Federal.Glover@bos.cccounty.us>
Cc: tony@workingeastbay.org <tony@workingeastbay.org>
Subject: Subject: Public Comment for 7/28/20 TRUTH Act Forum

Dear Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Edda Stark, I am Hispanic, I am a resident of Danville, and I work at a law office as a paralegal in Walnut Creek.

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As a prior volunteer for La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco, I can tell you that many Hispanics are taken advantage of at work and fired when disabled or pregnant. And many of them, no matter how hard they work, don't always get a fair shake or opportunities. Yet these laborers are sought after by the employers because they are keeping our goods/foods artificially deflated/cheap. Cheap labor helps companies compete on a price basis. Our economy is already suffering enough due to COVID-19. Don't make matters worse.

If ICE were working to maintain the moral ideals of our country and truly working in the interest of keeping our country safe and protect our economy and way of life then maybe some cooperation would make sense. But currently ICE is solely being used as a political pawn. By cooperating, the Sheriff is doing what is politically beneficial for himself and his party ... that is something no Sheriff should be doing.

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People are fed up with racial injustice and discrimination.

I respectfully request your attention to the aforementioned demands. When law enforcement agencies are entangled with ICE and do not respond to the needs of the people they serve, it creates a chilling effect in the community, making each of us less safe. Thank you for your time.

Edda Stark