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**February 6, 2017**

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**Federal D. Glover  
Contra Costa County  
Board of Supervisors District V  
315 East Leland Road  
Pittsburg, CA 94565**

**Re: Opposition to the expansion of the West County Detention Facility**

**Dear Supervisor Glover,**

On behalf of the California Nurses Association, I am writing to urge you to vote against the County's proposal to fund the expansion of the West County Detention Facility.

In April of 2015, Doctors Medical Center, the only public hospital serving residents in West County, was shut down, leaving West Contra Costa residents without a community full-service acute care facility. The County is now on a pathway to continue to divest in vital medical services, including at Contra Costa County Medical Center and the critical clinics. Yet the County is poised to spend millions to expand jail facilities.

There are significant reasons why jail expansion is the wrong path. The first is that expanding the West County Detention Facility would cost the County millions of dollars that could benefit other public services. The total projected cost for the proposed jail expansion is \$95.2 million and, of that, \$15 million would need to come from the County's general reserve fund. In addition to the millions in construction costs, the County would have to pay \$5 million annually for operation costs.

Secondly, County money would be better spent on projects that cultivate healthy communities such as improving access to education, mental health and health care, drug treatment programs, affordable housing, recreation, and other services, instead of incarceration.

We have to ask, what message does it send to the community and to our children that an investment of this size and scope is to expand our jail, as opposed to public works projects that contribute to a brighter future and to having healthier neighborhoods? It sends the wrong message and offers little hope about what our expectations are for the generations to come.

We strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to OPPOSE the County's proposal to fund the expansion of the West County Detention Facility.

**Sincerely,**

**Andrew Dadko  
CNA Labor Representative**



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February 7, 2017

The Prison Law Office has been in negotiations with Contra Costa County regarding unconstitutional conditions of confinement at Martinez Detention Facility since August 2016. The Prison Law Office takes the following position with respect to the County's potential application for funds from the Board of State and Community Corrections for jail construction:

- The construction of new jail beds is not compelled by and would not resolve the Prison Law Office's negotiations with the County. Because the new jail beds created by the County's prospective application would not open to prisoners until late 2021, the plan will not address current constitutional violations. Given the dangerous and inhumane conditions of confinement at MDF, the County will be required to take significant remedial action in the short term to address the conditions at MDF whether or not new jail beds ultimately are constructed.
- According to the County's proposed SB 844 application, the purpose of the jail construction is to enhance behavioral health services and reduce recidivism. The Prison Law Office shares this goal. However, in the course of our decades working with correctional systems, we have found that providing mental health care in correctional facilities is the most expensive and least effective way for a public entity to deliver mental health care. It is difficult and expensive to recruit qualified mental health professionals to work in jails, and the correctional setting impedes the delivery of care to patients. The County is poised to spend \$25 million on the construction of new jail facilities and to commit to \$5 million in annual operations costs for the new jail. Directing those funds toward the expansion of mental health services and reentry resources in the community would more effectively reduce recidivism and meet the behavioral health needs of the population.
- The County would better serve its population by expanding efforts to reduce the jail population instead of expanding the capacity of its jails. The County has made some strides in reducing its incarceration rate, but those efforts have been constrained by limited resources. For example, the County has a Behavioral Health Court intended to provide treatment to individuals with chronic mental illness or co-occurring disorders in lieu of placing them in jail, but the court can serve only about 20 individuals at a time. Similarly, the County has a Pretrial Services Program intended to divert some defendants from custody, but the program does not screen the vast majority of individuals in pretrial custody for potential release. The County should direct its resources to scaling up these programs and other reforms to prevent individuals from entering the jail system in the first place, and thereby reducing overcrowding in the jails and reducing the costs of providing constitutionally adequate conditions of confinement.

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- The County should implement jail management reforms in order to better utilize existing resources before engaging in expensive new construction. For example, according to the County's 2015 Jail Needs Assessment, 19% of the inmate population at West County Detention Facility are ICE detainees. Those beds could be used to meet the County's needs, not the federal government's. Moreover, the County currently uses an antiquated jail classification system that results in the systematic assignment of prisoners to higher security levels than necessary. As a result, West County has empty beds while MDF is dangerously overcrowded. The implementation of straightforward, well-established jail management reforms would allow the County to run a safer, more humane jail without expending tens of millions of dollars to build new jail space.

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## UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL ENDURING LONG WAITS

By: David Kahler

In 1999 my son was found to be "unfit to stand trial" by the court. He was directed to Atascadero State Hospital and was actually there four days later.

It was there where he had to take the prescribed medications that his case showed a marked improvement for the first time.

Nate Gartrell (E mail: [ngartrell@bayareanewgroup.com](mailto:ngartrell@bayareanewgroup.com)) wrote an article, July 3, 2016, for the Bar Area News that showed that the average wait to actually get to Atascadero or Napa State Hospital is now 56 days.

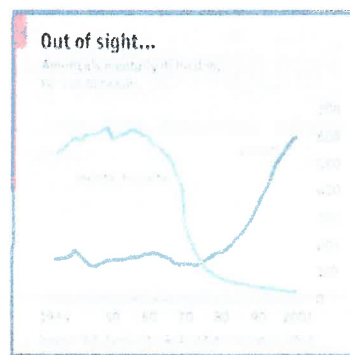
The problem is the local county jails do not have psychiatric capabilities. So the mentally ill person is simply held. Not treated, even if the condition worsens. Although, if the case become too aberrant, the inmate will be 5150ed to the Acute Care Ward at the County hospital. The system is reluctant to use the Acute Card Ward because of it's incredible cost, 95% more than keeping the inmate in the jail.

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## FROM MENTAL HOSPITALS TO PRISON

By: Doris Fuller

In 1939, a psychiatrist and mathematician named Lionel Penrose looked at the relationship between prisons and mental health populations in 18 European nations. He arrived at a startling and controversial observation about "mental disease and crime": if mental hospital populations are reduced, prison populations grow.



In 2016, we view the "Penrose hypothesis" across the 50 year social experiment as deinstitutionalization." Of the nearly 560,000 state hospital beds that existed at their peak in 1955, fewer than 40,000 remain today. At the same time, about 108 million jail bookings per year involve individuals with mental illness, and an estimated 350,000 adults

**August 2016**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18, 2016

**GENERAL MEETING**

**SPIRIT PROGRAM**

Find out about this annually presented course that prepares participants to work in a consumer or family provider position to either be in a paid or volunteer capacity within an agency that provides behavioral health services.

**Note: Presented by  
 Contra Costa Health  
 Office of Consumer Empowerment.**

Location:  
 John Muir Hospital  
 Concord Campus  
 2540 East Street  
 Concord  
 Open To The Public- Free Admission

with serious mental illness are currently living behind bars. At least 30,000 of them in solitary confinement.

The United States manages to incarcerate more mentally ill adults per 100,000 people than other high-income countries incarcerate, *period*.

The criminalization of mental illness is widely regarded as among the most widespread and devastating impacts of the half-century effort to eliminate state hospital beds.



## UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL

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In the July 3, 2016 article, Gartrell said "The revelation comes on the heels of a recent legal victory for Contra Costa County public defenders, who this year convinced an appellate court judge to rule that county inmates who are incompetent to stand trial must receive a state hospital bed within 60 days. Such inmates typically receive treatment inadequate to meet their health needs while they're awaiting hospital placement, according to testimony from the Napa State Hospital director Patricia Tyler."

Most people don't realize that the Martinez Detention Facility (the county jail) has no psychiatric treatment program and the inmate might be kept in solitary confinement. The article made the point that "these are people in desperate need of treatment and aren't receiving the level of treatment that they need and should be getting from a state hospital."

The Sheriff's spokesman, Jimmy Lee said in a written statement: All arrestees being booked into Martinez Facility undergo a mental health and medical evaluation. Those arrestees with acute mental health and medical needs are classified and housed appropriately."

The problem is there is no appropriate place in the jail to accommodate the person. It's not the fault of the jail. It is because the state hospitals lack the space.

In 2015-16 the hospitals budgeted for 1427 inmates found incompetent to stand trial. They are now housing 1546 statewide and has treated more than 4200 in the past



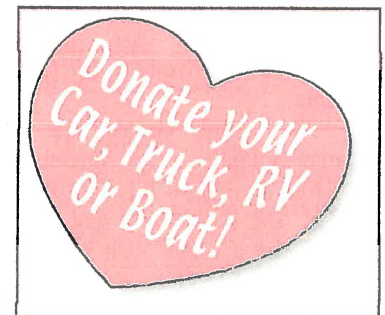
## HOUSE PASSES HR 2646

*Editor's note: Representative Tim Murphy, (R. Pa.) was featured on the front page of this newsletter, September, 2015.*

HR2646 is an important start to making comprehensive mental health reform a reality in America. The Murphy-Johnson legislation's is emphasis on moving upstream in the process. On intervening before a serious breakdown.

The Bay Area News reported "the bill passed July 6, would require the Health and Human Services Secretary to seek public comment and write new regulations on how to handle privacy law in cases of serious

Mental illness." The bill is in response to what Murphy described as a Federal policy that has been a failure, an unmitigated disaster!"



fiscal year. Gartrell said "the pending placement list of inmates who have been found incompetent has nearly doubled in size since 2011-12 and there are no plans to construct new state hospitals.

Napa State Hospital's medical director, Patricia Tyler is quoted as saying "that the hospital was able to restore roughly 70 percent of all patients judged incompetent to stand trial to competency within two months."

### FAMILY ADVOCATE

**Bob Thigpen**

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robert.thigpen@hsd.cccounty.us,

Bob Thigpen is the County's Family Advocate. He is an employee of the county with a wealth of information. You can talk with him at the Crash Course which is every Wednesday night (925-676- 5771) crashcoursehelp2aol.com

## Inmates

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*'Inadequate' treatment*

# Mentally ill inmates often stuck in limbo

*Thousands forced to wait months in jail for a space in overcrowded state hospitals*

By Nate Gartrell

ngartrell@bayareanews.com

Across California, thousands of mentally ill jail inmates who have been ruled incompetent to stand trial have been forced to wait months for placement into a health care facility, according to data released by the Department of State Hospitals.

The revelation comes on the heels of a recent legal victory for Contra Costa County public defenders, who this year convinced an appellate court judge to rule that county inmates who are incompetent to stand trial must receive a state hospital bed within 60 days. Such inmates typically receive treatment inadequate to meet their health needs while they're awaiting hospital placement, according to testimony from the Napa State Hospital's medical director.

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458

inmates in California found incompetent to stand trial awaiting hospital placement as of June 13

56

days is the average wait time for placement while remaining in jail or kept in solitary confinement

According to Department of State Hospital statistics released exclusively to this newspaper, 458 inmates throughout California who have been found incompetent to stand trial were awaiting placement in a state hospital as of June 13. The average wait time is currently around 56 days. During the interim period, inmates remain in jail and could be kept in solitary confinement.

"These people are in limbo; nothing can happen to their criminal case until they're restored to competency," deputy public defender Stephanie Regular said. "The time they spend in jail is wasted time. ... These are people in desperate need of treatment who aren't receiving the level of treatment that they need and should be getting from a state hospital."

Regular declined to comment on where mentally ill county inmates who have been found incompetent to stand trial are housed while they're awaiting a hospital bed.

Sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee said in a written statement: "All arrestees being booked into Martinez Detention Facility undergo a mental health and medical evaluation. Those arrestees with acute mental health and medical needs are classified and housed appropriately."

Regular was the lead attorney in a habeas corpus petition on behalf of six Contra Costa County inmates who spent weeks in jail awaiting placement in Napa State Hospital. In February, an appellate court judge ruled in her favor, saying all inmates who have been found incompetent to stand trial must be placed in a hospital bed within 60 days.



## 2.7.17 Agenda Item: D.8

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### **Why I oppose Sheriff Livingston's proposal.**

**As taxpayers, we should be outraged.** Propositions 2 (1981), 16 (1984) and 52 (1986) specifically addressed the issue of overcrowding in county jails. Voters approved \$1.1B to purchase bonds with one CLEAR objective: alleviate the overcrowding in county jails.

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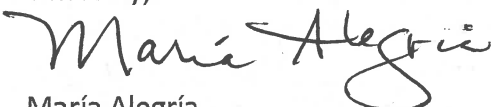
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Do we want to be known as having the largest ICE detention center in Northern California? What's next? Sheriff Livingston deputizing our sheriffs to become ICE agents?

I urge you to go back to the drawing board: Stop the expansion of the West County Detention Facility, eliminate the ICE contract and honor the intent of the voters: to **alleviate the overcrowding at the Martinez jail as stated in Propositions 2, 16 & 52.**

Sincerely,



María Alegría  
Pinole, CA.

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NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

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**RESOLUTION 2007-056**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Pablo recognizes that the issue of federal immigration policy is a subject of significant debate;

WHEREAS, National experts and policy makers agree our federal immigration policy is inconsistent, inadequate, and in need of reform;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council desires that a fair and equitable process be established for persons from other countries who desire to immigrate to the United states lawfully;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council recognizes the difference between immigrants who are in this country illegally and those illegal immigrants who engage in criminal acts apart from their immigration status. The San Pablo Police Department investigates all crimes without regard to their citizenship or immigration status;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo Police Department has worked hard to obtain the trust and respect of the law-abiding residents of the City in its continuing, unceasing efforts to maintain a safe city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of San Pablo reaffirms and supports the Police Department's general order which outlines its obligations with regard to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In so resolving, the City Council recognizes that enforcement of immigration law is a federal matter and as stewards of the taxpayer's money, it is not the role of city government to participate in this enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Pablo reaffirms its support for a comprehensive immigration reform that is fair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Pablo City Council directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to Michael Chertoff, Secretary for Homeland Security, and to Federal representatives, including Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, and Congressman George Miller.

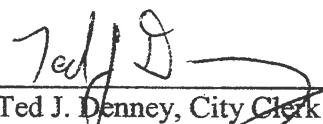
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ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	McNeil, Calloway, Gomes, Brown and Morris
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Ted J. Denney, City Clerk

  
Paul V. Morris, Mayor



## June McHuen

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**From:** Jami Napier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 3:21 PM  
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**From:** Maria Alegria <[mlalegria@comcast.net](mailto:mlalegria@comcast.net)>  
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**Subject:** 2.7.17: AGENDA ITEM D.8: OPPOSE WCDF JAIL EXPANSION

Dear Honorable CCC Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board:

Due to the time constraints on this issue yesterday (60 seconds), I am submitting this letter into the public record along with my comments on this matter.

I'm am deeply troubled to learn that Sheriff Livingston was not in attendance at the Board of Supervisors meeting to present his proposal for the expansion of the West County Detention Facility. Instead, he was in a private meeting yesterday (2.7.17) with President Trump to discuss a strategy to implement his Executive Orders that targets immigrants and Muslims.

Chair Federal Glover, the County Administrator and the Undersheriff had a duty to disclose why Sheriff Livingston was absent. He was in Washington, DC in his official capacity, Sheriff of Contra Costa County, conducting county business paid for by public funds.

Further, Chair Glover, in his comments supporting the West County Detention Facility expansion, stated that "This is not about a Trump agenda but a big picture decision." I beg to differ.

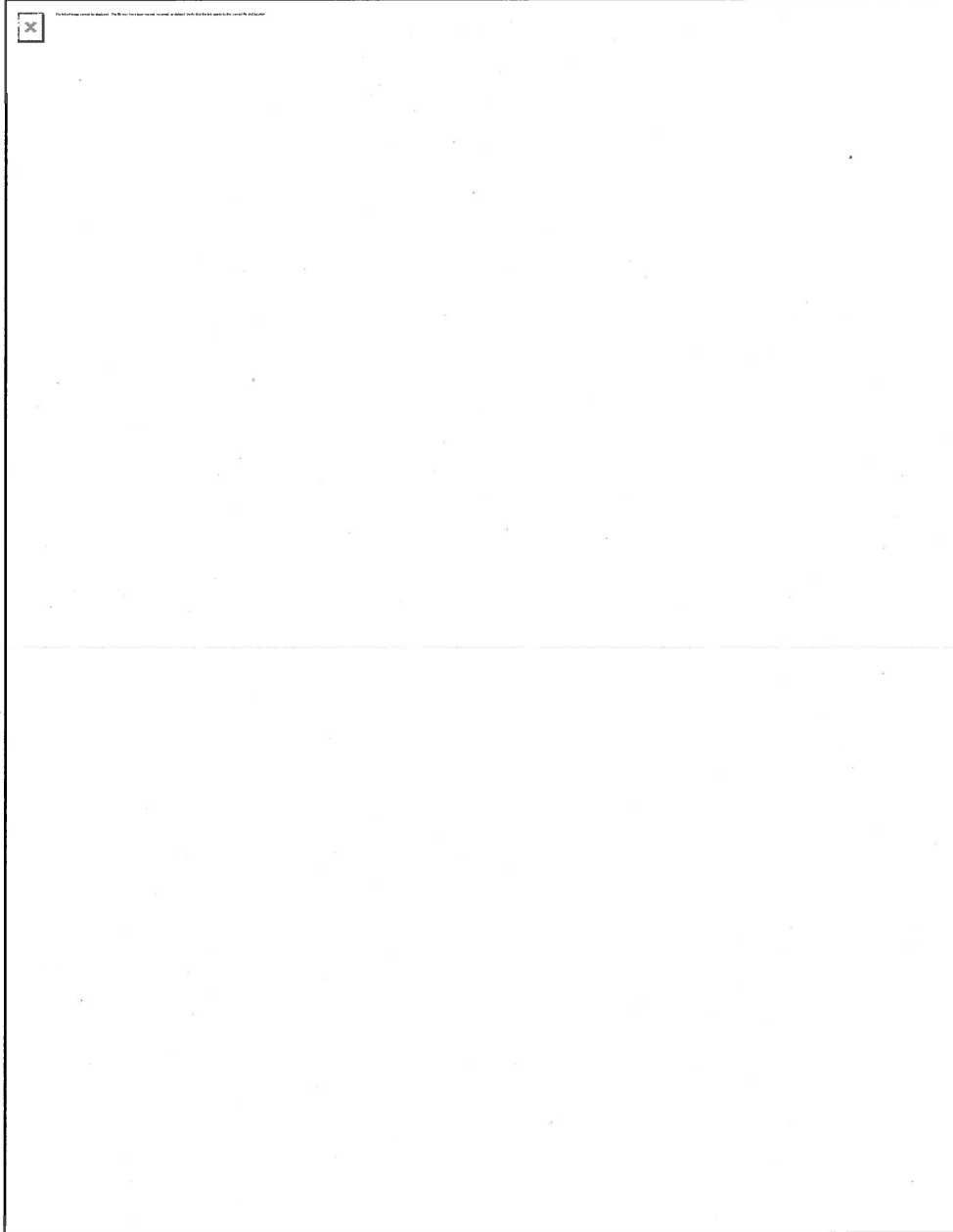
Moreover, it was reported today in Trump's daily news briefing that President Trump met with several local sheriffs to discuss implementation of his executive orders. Mr. Spicer in the press conference reported that all in attendance pledged their support to implement President Trump's Executive Orders targeting immigrants. It was reported in the Washington Examiner (2.7.17) that the 6 Sheriffs (including Sheriff Livingston) were at the Capitol to support Senator Sessions' nomination for Attorney General and stated that they were seeking his support once he became US Attorney General.



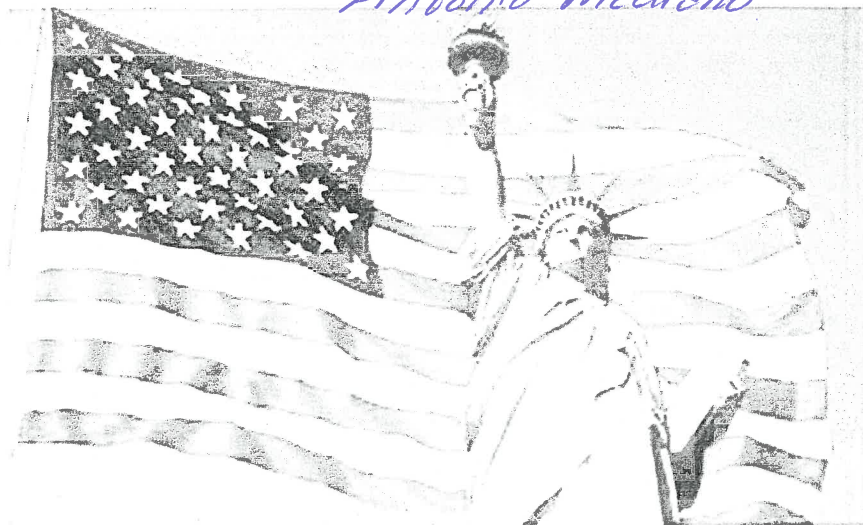
I urge you to place on your next agenda or convene a public forum, so that Sheriff Livingston can report to the community on this meeting with President Trump and Senator Sessions, specifically as it relates to his support of Trump's Executive Orders and ICE enforcement.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Maria Alegria



**The time is  
to become a  
United States  
Citizen!**



**ACLU BERKELEY/NORTH EAST BAY CHAPTER, SOMOS LATIN@S, & CONCILIO LATINO PRESENT**

# **FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP**

**San Pablo Community Center  
2450 Road 20, San Pablo, CA 94806  
(Next to Helms Middle School)**

Come with your **GREEN CARD** and all of your **DOCUMENTS\*** to this workshop.  
We will **ONLY** be doing applications, no copies etc.

In order to qualify:

- You must have had your green card for a minimum of 3 years if you applied through marriage or 5 years if you received it a different way
- If you have any criminal convictions, your case can be evaluated to see if there are waivers you qualify to apply for citizenship.
- IF YOUR GREEN CARD HAS EXPIRED, we can help you apply for renewal simultaneously with the citizenship application.
- IF YOU ARE OVER 55, you might qualify for a waiver of the English Test.

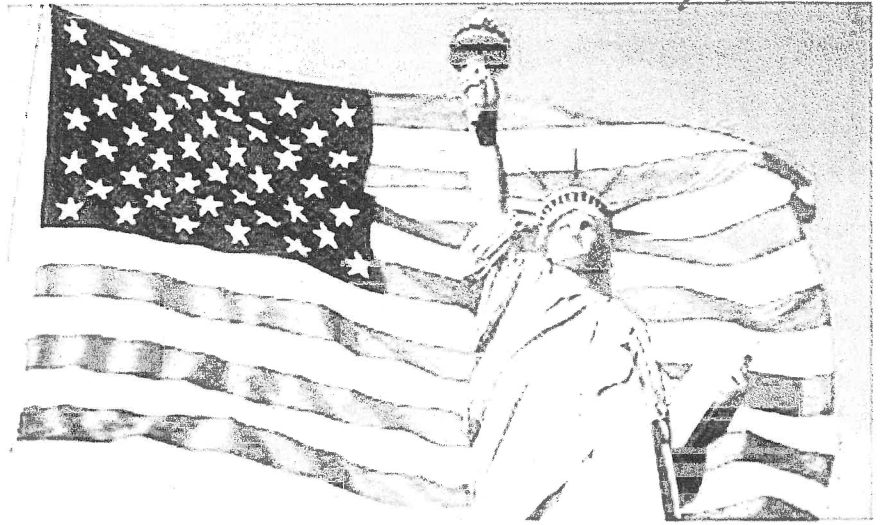
**BRING\*:** 2 passport size photos, "green card," a piece of identification, social #, work place, address, and trips outside the US for the past 5 years. Also, information about your spouse and previous spouse(s).



Co-Sponsored by: Richmond Progressive Alliance, Centro Latino Cuscatlán, Casa Esperanza, Amnesty International, Social Justice Committee of GRIP, Racial Justice Coalition, Latino parents of Richmond/San Pablo, WCCC

10/12/8

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momento para c  
onvertirse  
en ciudadano!**



**EI GRUPO ACLU DE BERKELEY/NORTH EAST BAY, SOMOS LATIN@S, Y CONCILIO LATINO**

# **TALLER DE CIUDADANÍA GRATUITO**

**18 de Febrero del 2016**

**10AM-3PM**

**Centro Comunitario de San Pablo  
2450 Road 20, San Pablo, CA 94806  
(Al lado de Helms Middle School)**

Venga con todos su MICA y todos sus DOCUMENTOS\* a este taller.  
Solamente le ayudaremos en la aplicación no haremos copias etc.

Para poder calificar:

- Debe de haber tenido su mica por mínimo 3 años si arregló por matrimonio o 5 años si fue por otra manera.
- Si tiene historial criminal, su caso puede ser evaluado para ver si puede calificar.
- SI SU MICA SE HA VENCIDO, podemos ayudarlo a renovar y a la misma vez hacer la aplicación para ciudadanía.
- SI TIENE MAS DE 55 años, a la mejor puede calificar para tomar el examen en su idioma.

TRAIGA\*: 2 fotos tamaño pasaporte, mica, pieza de identificación, # de seguro social, lugares de trabajo, residencia y fechas de viaje fuera de los EEUU de los últimos 5 años.  
También información sobres sus hijos, pareja actual y previa.



Patrocinado por: Richmond Progressive Alliance, Centro Latino Cuscatlán, Casa Esperanza, Amnesty International, Social Justice Committee of GRIP, Racial Justice Coalition, Latino parents of Richmond/San Pablo, WCCC

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January 25, 2017

### **Organization vows to fight measures throughout the state, calls on state policymakers to stand firm in their resolve to protect rights of immigrant and Muslim communities**

Today, President Trump and his new administration confirmed the institution of draconian, punitive, and discriminatory immigration policies that ignore the lessons of the last 30 years of immigration policy and betray our most basic values as a state and as a nation. These policies not only signal widespread violation of the rights of immigrants and citizens, but will waste resources, drive fear into our communities, foster bigotry, and make us all less safe.

Among some of the most problematic directives in the Executive Orders are:





- Large-scale border and interior immigration enforcement, including the return of the failed Secure Communities program and the evisceration of enforcement priorities;
- Mass incarceration of immigrants fighting their deportation cases without an opportunity for release, including many asylum-seekers and individuals who will go on to win their cases and have their right to remain in the United States recognized;
- Deportation of individuals seeking protection at our borders to potentially dangerous and violent countries without an opportunity to apply for asylum;
- A return to entanglement of local law enforcement in the business of immigration enforcement, and a threat to withdraw funding from cities and counties that refuse to go along with unconstitutional and un-American enforcement policies;
- Expected ban on immigration, including refugee admissions, and the denial of benefits for immigrants from certain Muslim-majority countries solely on the basis of their nationality and religion.

The ACLU of California has been fighting, and will continue to fight, these measures to ensure that people are not detained and deported without due process, that Muslim immigrants are provided equal opportunity to immigrate to this country, and that state and local resources are not used to further these draconian immigration practices.

The ACLU of California is prepared to redouble its efforts in court, the legislature, and in the street. With affiliates based in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, we are fighting to defend the civil rights and freedoms of 38 million residents of the nation's most populous and diverse state.

“Now is the time for California to respond. We can counter these hateful and harmful policies by passing and signing AB 3 (Strengthening Public Defenders Act) and by ensuring that no Californian faces mandatory detention and



deportation without access to quality legal representation,” said Hector Villagra, executive director at the ACLU of Southern California.

“We can ensure that in California, our state and local agencies serve all Californians by passing SB 54 (the California Values Act) — making certain that our local institutions will not be conscripted into the deportation dragnet and that our schools, our hospitals, and our courthouses are safe spaces for everyone in every community,” added Norma Chavez-Peterson, executive director at the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

“Muslim Americans are our neighbors, friends, and colleagues. They are us. We must stand together and pass SB 31 (the California Religious Freedom Act) to ensure that California does not participate in any way in a registry targeting Muslims,” concluded Abdi Soltani, executive director of the ACLU of Northern California.

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## Douglas Dunn BOS SB 844 Remarks—February 7, 2017

Honorable Supervisors:

I'm Douglas Dunn and strongly support the Sheriff's Department proposed use of SB 844 funds because they are taking a big step forward in:

- Real community stakeholder outreach and ongoing involvement, and
- Help for incarcerated persons who are gravely mentally ill.

Since the massive emptying of state hospitals 50 years ago, number of severely mentally ill persons in prisons has skyrocketed from near 0 in 1955 to over 350,000 and steadily rising.

- In the United States, of 2,220,300 inmates in 2013, approximately 356,000, or 16% had a severe mental illness.
- Here in California, in 2013, of 162,000 inmates, 72,900 or 45% had a mental illness and 33,000 or nearly 21%, had a severe mental illness.
- Here in Contra Costa county, of 600-720 inmates monthly, 240-270 or 37-40% are severely mentally ill. Charles Madison, NAMI-Contra Costa President and I have confirmed this with Sheriff Livingston and senior officers.

Prisons have become the "new asylums." Some quick numbers:

- US—2013: 356,000 Severely Mentally ill inmates, 35,000 in hospitals, a 10 to 1 ratio.
- California—2013: 33,000 Severely Mentally ill inmates: 4,355 in State Hospitals, a 7.6 to 1 ratio.
- Contra Costa County: 240-270 severely mentally ill inmates: 23 CCRMC beds, a 10-12 to 1 ratio.

Because of state funding requirement and constraints, there cannot be an instant "switch" to non-prison treatment only facilities. Given these constraints, closing beds in Martinez and building the mental health rehabilitation in west county will be a major step in fulfilling the rehabilitation focus of Proposition 47 and AB 109.

This proposal does not involve any Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) deportation activities whatsoever. In addition, as a Mental Health Commissioner and Consolidated Planning Advisory Workgroup (CPAW) family member, I've heard numerous school boards make "sanctuary" declarations. At the Mental Health Commission meeting this past Wednesday, the Sheriff's Dept. assured us they are readily honoring these "sanctuary" declarations and are not engaging in any Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) deportation activities. Based on their actions, I take them at their word and trust them.

With Laura's Law, this Board took a major step toward helping the most vulnerable among us. The Board has another opportunity to make an even further commitment to help this population. I ask you not to let it slip away again. Thank you for your consideration and support.





## **Opposition to jail expansion, 2/7/2017.**

I am Contra Costa County Democratic Party Secretary Diddo Clark. I am here to provide historical perspective on county sheriffs' requests for bigger and better jails.

Almost 50 years ago, the county sheriff asked the Board of Supervisors to replace the old county jail - which is across the street - with a maximum security, mini-San-Quentin, with walls of steel-and-concrete one foot thick, with NO windows and NO amenities. The Board of Supervisors VOTED to build the maximum security jail which the sheriff requested. Contra Costa civic groups and residents objected and asked for a medium to low security jail built pursuant to federal guidelines - a model jail. Opposition to the sheriff's mini-San-Quentin grew like a tsunami. The Supervisors: got the message, changed their votes, and built the model jail the people demanded.

Now, the current sheriff has made a comparable proposal; residents are objecting; and I urge the Board to heed the California Democratic Party's admonitions that: "Smart on crime" must include ... investment in alternatives to incarceration AND services as the best use of taxpayer funds; jails should NOT be de facto mental health facilities; and the Board should adequately fund community mental health and substance abuse programs, oppose the expansion of public prisons, and support restorative justice (211 words).

Thank you.

Diddo Clark      [ClarkPeaceNow@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkPeaceNow@gmail.com)





Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are adamantly opposed to the expansion of the West County Detention Facility.

(1) It is expected to cost 95 million dollars, 15 million of which will need to come from the General Fund Reserve.

(2) The current political climate suggests there will be massive corporate tax cuts as well as individual tax cuts passed at the federal level. If there are not to be larger than normal deficits, then domestic safety net spending will be slashed to offset the lack of revenue. These costs will fall on the state and counties. This is not the time to be spending on prisons, when there is more than a 70% chance of a dire need for social spending. We do not need prisons. We need better schools, health care, social services, roads without potholes, affordable housing. Prisons do not make us safer; a healthier and more welcoming and compassionate society make us safer and better.

Sincerely,  
*Jane and Michael Larkin*  
Jane & Michael Larkin  
2705 Saklan Indian Dr #7  
Walnut Creek, Ca 94595





Michael Larkin  
 Apt 7  
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DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,



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My name is Shree Jennifer Rem and I live in Oakland and work in Richmond. I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County.

I work in a Richmond high school, and I <sup>have</sup> seen first-hand every day for the past nine years hard-working students who are contributing to their community & want to improve the world. I also see their families working multiple jobs to do the same. Many of these families are recent immigrants who believe in the ideas & values of a democracy and who are committed to giving back because they are grateful for what this country has done for them. We need to keep these families safe to keep our country great. This country is so strong and exceptional as it is because of its immigrants. How many of us ~~are~~ are proud to be an American because our grandparents immigrated to the U.S.? And because they, like us, worked hard every day of their lives to improve their lives & to better their communities? I hope you will reply to my letter. I welcome your response.

Sincerely,  
Shree Jennifer Rem

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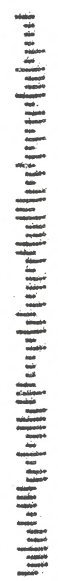
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Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Jen Nolan and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary city for all families.

Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high school teacher here in the county, working hard to contribute to the community and improve the world. I see my peers ~~and~~ and my student families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great.

Thank you for considering my request, I believe this is an incredibly important matter.

Sincerely,







Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Xavier and I live in Richmond and I am writing to  
urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a  
sanctuary county. I am a high schooler here in the county,  
working hard to contribute to my community and improve our  
world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same.  
We need to keep them safe to keep our county growing.  
Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Xavier

Paul Villarreal Livingston,

My name is Mario Martinez and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county working hard to keep this community safe for all.

Sincerely,  
~~Mario Martinez~~  
Mario M.



My name is Ale Palomares and I live Richmond CA  
and I am writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring West Contra County  
a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler  
in the county, working hard to  
contribute to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers and  
their families doing the same. We need  
them safe to keep our county great. Please  
reply to my letter, I would love a  
response

Sincerely, Ale Palomares



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Maria and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families in doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Maria



Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Diana and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge You to protect our families by declaring West Contra County. I am a high schooler in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Diana



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Carizma & I am a resident of Contra Costa County & I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE & help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a High Schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers & their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Carizma H.





Dear Sheriff Livingston



My name is Krystal Rodriguez  
and I live in San Pablo and  
I am writing to urge you to  
stop any collaboration with ICE  
hurts our communities and  
breaks families apart. I am a  
high school scholar here in the  
Country working hard to contribute  
to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers  
and their families doing the  
same. We need to keep  
them safe to keep  
our country great.

Please reply to my letter,  
I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Krystal Rodriguez

Dear Sheriff Livingston

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my name is Kimberly Gomez and I Live in richmond California and  
I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make  
West Contra Costa as a sanctuary for all families, collaboration with ICE  
hurt our communities and breaks down

Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Tiana & I live in  
Richmond, CA. I am writing to urge  
you to protect our families by declaring  
West Contra Costa<sup>county</sup> a Sanctuary Country. I  
am a high schooler here in the county,  
working hard to contribute to my community  
and improve our world. I see all  
my peers and their families doing  
the same. We need to keep them  
safe to keep our country great.

Reply to my Letter  
thx.

Sincerely  
Tiana.

Dear Sheriff Livingston,

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My name is Jaime and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all Families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Jaime Ayunzel

My name is Ernesto Rodriguez and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make west Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all peers & their families doing the same. We need to keep our county great.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Rodriguez.



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Kimherly and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our County great. please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Kimherly

Dear Sheriff Livingston

My name is Maria and I live in Richmond, CA  
and I am writing to urge you to stop any  
collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra  
Costa sanctuary for all families.

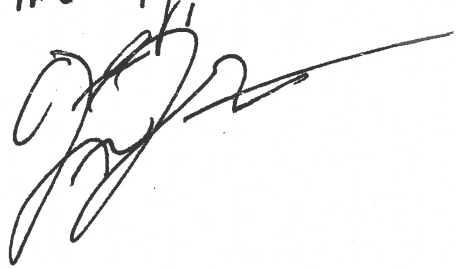




Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jonathan Valenzuela and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please respond to my letter, I would love a response.



Sincerely,  




Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Stephanie Gomez, I live in Richmond CA, and I am writing to urge you stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Gomez!

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Cynthia Deha and I live in Richmond, Ca and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary county. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all

my peers and families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would

love a response.

Sincerely,

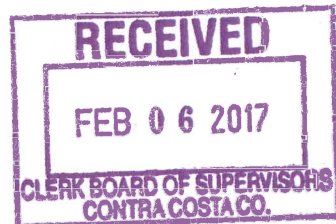
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Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Andrea P. and I live  
in Richmond Ca. I am writing  
to urge you to protect undocumented  
families by declaring west  
Contra County a Sanctuary  
County. Everyone should contribute  
to the safety of our community.  
Please reply to my letter,  
I would love a  
response,

Sincerely,

Andrea Ponce

Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Esther Munoz

and I live in Richmond

and I am writing to urge  
you to protect our families by  
declaring West Contra Costa  
and Sanctuary County. I am

a high schooler here in the  
County, working hard to

contribute to my community

and improve our world. I see

all my peers and their families  
doing the same. We need to

keep them safe to keep our county  
great. Please reply to my letter, I would  
love a response.

Sincerely,

Dear Sheriff Livingston,  
my name is Wendy Aguilar and I live in  
Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop  
any collaboration with ICE and help make West  
Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration  
with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families  
apart. I am a high schooler here in the country, work  
hard to contribute to my community and improve our  
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same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country  
great

please reply to my letter, I would love a  
response

Sincerely,

Wendy Aguilar





My name is 40 boy Ramiro and I live in

Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring west Contra Costa a  
Sanctuary county. I am a high schooler here in the  
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Sincerely,

Ramiro R.

Make america great

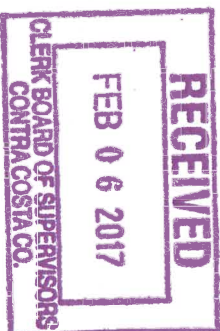
again!



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name Kathy and I live in Richmond, CA and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Navarro





Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Azariah De La Fuente and I live in Richmond ca, and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa a sanctuary country. I am a high school student here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and making sure we are all equal, making sure to keep peace in our country and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same to help and protect our citizens. We need to keep our country/community safe, keep our country as great as we can. Please reply to my letter, I would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

Azariah



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Leslie Parra and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County.

I am a high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Leslie Parra

Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Alexa and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families.

Collaboration with ~~ICE~~ ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler herein the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep our county great.

Please reply to my letter, I would love a response

Sincerely

Alexa



Dear Sheritt Livingston,

My name is Christina and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response!



Sincerely,  
christina ☺

Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Karen and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County. I am a High Schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

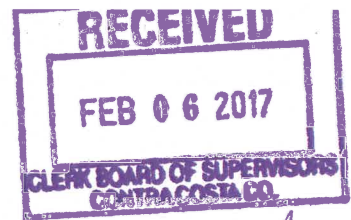
Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sofia and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.



Sincerely,  
Sofia Garcia

Dear Sheriff Livingston,



My name is Jasmine and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa

a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high Schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our County great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
A student



DEAR SHERIFF LIVINGSTON

My name is Vanessa and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community & breaks families apart. I am a high schooler her in the country, working hard to contribute to my community & improve our world. I see all me peers & their families doing the same.



Please reply, I would love a response!

Sincerely,

Vanessa N.



My name is Gabby Medina and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary Count. I am high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. we need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Gabby Medina



My name is Julia Magaña and I live in Richmond, CA and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working ~~hard~~ hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Julia Magaña





Dear Sheriff Livingston,  
My name is Shana Wagner and I live in Richmond, CA. I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high school teacher here in the county, working hard to contribute to this community and improve our world. My students are the future leaders of society. We need to keep them and their families safe in order to keep our country great. I urge you to make a decision you and my students and I can be proud of.

Sincerely,

Shana Wagner

My name is Michy Azua & I live in  
Richmond Cali & I am writing to urge  
you & to stop any collaboration  
with ICE & help make West  
Contra Costa a sanctuary for all  
families

Thank you

— Michy Azua



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My Name is Fernanda and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by deciding West Contra County. I am a high school here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, with all my love.



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maggie and I live in Hercules. I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra ~~Costa~~ County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Maggie Liao



1/31/17

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maria Ortega and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Maria Ortega



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Fatima and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with IC and help make West Contra a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and break families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

An LPS Scholar. 😊





DANK  
MY NAME IS KARLA AND I LIVE  
IN RICHMOND AND I AM WRITING  
TO URGE YOU TO PROTECT OUR  
FAMILIES BY DECLARING WEST  
CONTRA COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNT  
I AM A HIGH SCHOOLER HERE IN  
THE COUNTRY, WORKING HARD TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO MY COMMUNITY AND  
IMPROVE OUR WORLD. I SEE ALL MY  
PEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DOING  
THE SAME. WE ~~NEED~~ NEED TO KEEP THEM  
SAFE TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY GREAT.  
PLEASE REPLY TO MY LETTER, I WOULD  
LOVE A RESPONSE.

SINCERELY,  
KARLA.



Dear ~~Board~~ Board of Supervisors,

My name is Molly and I live  
in San Pablo and I am  
writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring West  
Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County.  
I am a high schooler here in the  
country, working hard to contribute  
to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers  
and family doing the same  
things.

Sincerely,  
Molly



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Lisseth Ruiz and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurt our communities and breaks family apart. I am a highschooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely

Lisseth Ruiz



Dear Sheriff Livingston

My name is Maria/ I live in Richmond - CA

and I have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl

My oldest son is 17 years old

and he is currently in custody with

ICE in the custody of ICE and border patrol

I am a single mother and I am trying to

contribute to my son's life and I am

worried to see him in custody of families doing

his job. We need to keep them safe in the

great

Please reply to my letter, I will be very grateful

Sincerely

Maria



Dear Sheriff ~~Livingston~~ Livingston,

My name is Jackie from Richmond and I'm  
writing to urge you to stop <sup>any</sup> collaboration with  
ICE.





Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Jen and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary city for all families.

Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high school teacher here in the county, working hard to contribute to the community and improve the world. I see my peers ~~and~~ and my student families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great.

Thank you for considering my request, I believe this is an incredibly important matter.

Sincerely,





Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Xavier and I live in Richmond and I am writing to  
urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a  
sanctuary county. I am a high schooler here in the county,  
working hard to contribute to my community and improve our  
world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same.  
We need to keep them safe to keep our county growing.  
Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Xavier



Paul J. Livingston,

My name is Maria and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county working hard to keep this community safe for all.

Sincerely,  
~~Maria M.~~  
Maria M.



My name is Ale Palomares and I live Richmond CA  
and I am writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring West Contra County  
a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler  
in the county, working hard to  
contribute to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers and  
their families doing the same. We need  
them safe to keep our county great. Please  
reply to my letter, I would love a  
response

Sincerely, Ale



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Maria and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families in doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Maria



Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Diana and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge You to protect our families by declaring West Contra County. I am a high schooler in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Diana



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Carizma & I am a resident of Contra Costa County & I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE & help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a High Schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers & their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Carizma



Dear Sheriff Livingston



My name is Krystal  
and I live in San Pablo and  
I am writing to urge you to  
stop any collaboration with ICE  
hurts our communities and  
breaks families apart. I am a  
high school scholar here in the  
Country working hard to contribute  
to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers  
and their families doing the  
same. We need to keep  
them safe to keep  
our country great

Please reply to my letter,  
I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Krystal.

Dear Sheriff Livingston

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CONTRA COSTA CO.

my name is Kimberly and I Live in richmond California and  
I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make  
West Contra Costa as a sanctuary for all families, collaboration with ICE  
hurt our communities and breaks down

Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Tiana & I live in  
Richmond, CA. I am writing to urge  
you to protect our families by declaring  
West Contra Costa<sup>county</sup> a Sanctuary Country. I  
am a high schooler here in the county,  
working hard to contribute to my community  
and improve our world. I see all  
my peers and their families doing  
the same. We need to keep them  
safe to keep our country great.

Reply to my Letter  
thx.

Sincerely  
Tiana.



Dear Sheriff Livingston,



My name is Jaime and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all Families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Jaime

My name is Ernesto Rodriguez and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make west Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all peers & their families doing the same. We need to keep our county great.

Sincerely,

Ernesto



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Kimherly and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our County great. please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Kimherly

Dear Sheriff Livingston

My name is Marici and I live in Richmond, CA  
and I am writing to urge you to stop any  
collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra  
Costa Sanctuary for all families.



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jonathan . . . and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please respond to my letter, I would love a response.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jonathan", written over a horizontal line.



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Stephanie, I live in  
Richmond CA, and I am writing to urge  
you stop any collaboration with ICE  
and help make West Contra Costa  
a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration  
with ICE hurts our communities and  
breaks families apart. I am a high  
schooler here in the county, working  
hard to contribute to my community  
and improve our world. I see  
my peers and their families doing the  
same. We need to keep them safe  
to keep our county great. Please  
reply to my letter, I would love a response.  
Sincerely,  
Stephanie

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Cynthia and I live in Richmond, Ca and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all

my peers and families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our County great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Cynthia



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Andrea P. and I live  
in Richmond Ca. I am writing  
to urge you to protect undocumented  
families by declaring west  
Contra County a Sanctuary  
County. Everyone should contribute  
to the safety of our community.  
Please reply to my letter,  
I would love a  
response,

Sincerely,

Andrea P.



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Esther

and I live in Richmond

and I am writing to urge  
you to protect our families by  
declaring West Contra Costa  
and Sanctuary County. I am  
a high schooler here in the

County, working hard to

contribute to my community

and improve our world. I see

all my peers and their families  
doing the same. We need to

keep them safe to keep our county  
great. Please reply to my letter, I would  
love a response.

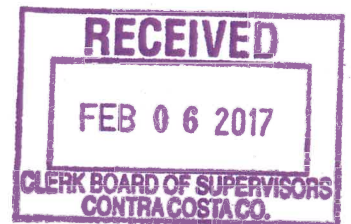
Sincerely,

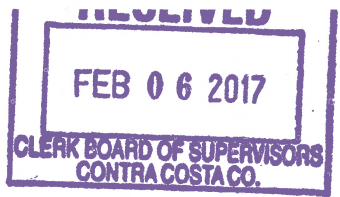
Dear Sheriff Livingston,  
my name is Wendy - and I live in  
Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop  
any collaboration with ICE and help make West  
Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration  
with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families  
apart. I am a high schooler here in the country, work  
hard to contribute to my community and improve our  
world. I see all my peers and their families doing the  
same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country  
great

please reply to my letter, I would love a  
response

Sincerely,

Wendy -





My name is Yo boy Ramiro and I live in  
Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring west Contra Costa a  
Sanctuary county. I am a high schooler here in the  
county, working hard to contribute to my community  
and improve our world. I see all my peers and their  
families doing the same. We need to keep them  
safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I  
would love a response.

Sincerely,

Ramiro R.

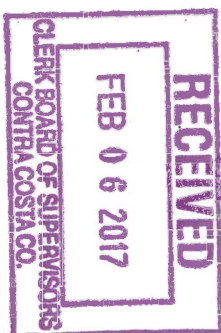
Make america great

again!

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name Kathy and I live in Richmond, CA and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Kathy



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Azariah I <sup>He</sup>

and I live in Richmond ca, and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa a sanctuary country. I am a high school student here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and making sure we are all equal, making sure to keep peace in our country and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same to help and protect our citizens. We need to keep our country/community safe, keep our country as great as we can. Please reply to my letter, I would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

Azariah



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Leslie Parra and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County.

I am a high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same we need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Leslie



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

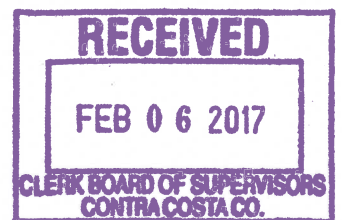
My name is Alexa and I live in San Pablo and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families.

Collaboration with ~~ICE~~ ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler herein the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep our county great.

Please reply to my letter, I would love a response

Sincerely

Alexa



Dear Sheritt Livingston,

My name is Christina and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a Sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response!



Sincerely,  
christina (11)



Dear Board of Supervisors,



My name is Karen and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County. I am a High Schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sofia and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra Costa County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.



Sincerely,  
Sofia

Dear Sheriff Livingston,



My name is Jasmine and I

live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa

a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and breaks families apart. I am a high

Schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all

my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our County green

Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
A student

DEAR SHERIFF LIVINGSTON

My name is Vanessa and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community & breaks families apart. I am a high schooler her in the country, working hard to contribute to my community & improve our world. I see all me peers & their families doing the same.



Please reply, I would love a response!

Sincerely,

Vanessa

My name is Gabby and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary Count. I am high schooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. we need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Gabby



My name is Julia " " and I live in Richmond, CA and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our community and breaks families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working ~~hard~~ hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,  
Julia " "





Dear Sheriff Livingston,  
My name is Shana and I live in  
Richmond, CA. I am writing to urge you to  
stop any collaboration with ICE and help  
make West Contra Costa a sanctuary for all  
families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our  
communities and breaks families apart. I am  
a high school teacher here in the county, working  
hard to contribute to this community and improve  
our world. My students are the future leaders of  
society. We need to keep them and their  
families safe in order to keep our country  
great. I urge you to make a decision you and  
my students and I can be proud of.

Sincerely,

Shana

My name is Michy Azua & I live in  
Richmond Cali & I am writing to urge  
you & to stop any collaboration  
with ICE & help make West  
Contra Costa a sanctuary for all  
families

Thank you

— Michy Azua





Dear Board of Supervisors,

My Name is Fernanda and I live in  
Richmond and I am writing to urge You  
to protect our families by declaring West  
Contra County. I am a high school here in  
the County, working hard to contribute to my  
community and improve our world I see all  
my peers and their to keep our County great,  
Please reply to my letter, with all my love



Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maggie and I live in Hercules, CA. I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra ~~Costa~~ County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter. I would love a response.

Sincerely,

Maggie



1/31/17

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maria and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to protect our families by declaring West Contra County a Sanctuary County. I am a high schooler here in the County, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Maria



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

My name is Fatima and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with IC and help make West Contra a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurts our communities and break families apart. I am a high schooler here in the county, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our county great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely,

An LPS Scholar. ☺



MY NAME IS KARLA AND I LIVE  
IN RICHMOND AND I AM WRITING  
TO URGE YOU TO PROTECT OUR  
FAMILIES BY DECLARING WEST  
CONTRA COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNT  
I AM A HIGH SCHOOLER HERE IN  
THE COUNTRY, WORKING HARD TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO MY COMMUNITY AND  
IMPROVE OUR WORLD. I SEE ALL MY  
PEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DOING  
THE SAME. WE ~~NEED~~ NEED TO KEEP THEM  
SAFE TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY GREAT.  
PLEASE REPLY TO MY LETTER, I WOULD  
LOVE A RESPONSE.

SINCERELY,  
KARLA.



Dear ~~Board~~ Board of Supervisors,

My name is Molly and I live  
in San Pablo and I am  
writing to urge you to protect  
our families by declaring West  
Contra Costa county a Sanctuary county.  
I am a high schooler here in the  
country, working hard to contribute  
to my community and improve  
our world. I see all my peers  
and family doing the same  
thing.

Sincerely,  
Molly



Dear Sheriff Livingston,

my name is Lisseth and I live in Richmond and I am writing to urge you to stop any collaboration with ICE and help make west Contra Costa a sanctuary for all families. Collaboration with ICE hurt our communities and breaks family apart. I am a highschooler here in the country, working hard to contribute to my community and improve our world. I see all my peers and their families doing the same. We need to keep them safe to keep our country great. Please reply to my letter, I would love a response.

Sincerely

Lisseth





Dear Sheriff [unclear]

My name is Maria [unclear] in Richmond, CA

and I am a [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

ICE [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

great.

Please reply to my letter, I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

[unclear]





Dear Sheriff ~~Livingston~~ Livingston,

My name is Jackie from Richmond and I'm  
writing to urge Geo to stop <sup>any</sup> collaboration with  
ICE.



