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From: Manny Sarinana [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 2:18 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda Item 27

Attention: This email originated from outside of City of Santa Ana. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

My name is Manuel Sarinana and I am writing to demand that Santa Ana Police Department be held responsible! The City Council needs to act! The people of Santa Ana deserve justice when cops in the department kill, harass, or withhold important information from residents!

On December 1st, 2024 two SAPD officers murdered Noe Rodriguez after giving him commands in only English although he spoke only Spanish. Officer Luis Casillas shot Noe 18 times and Officer Isaac Ibarra shot him 11 times. Noe's family, including his two young daughters, deserve justice! They have to live the rest of their lives without him and the department hasn't had the decency to even give them a full police report of what happened. But the body cam footage shows that Noe was not a threat and officers continued to shoot even as he fell to the ground. Noe's family is demanding justice and that Casillas and Ibarra be held responsible for this killing like any normal person would be! They are demanding that Casillas and Ibarra be jailed for this murder and I am writing in support of this demand! The City Council must act to support the family's fight for justice! It's unacceptable to allow these officers to stay patrolling the streets when they are a threat to the lives of the people of Santa Ana.

I am also writing due to the alarming report by Ben Camacho that proved SAPD has received 42 notifications from ICE about actions in the city since January and they have withheld that information from the public. SAPD also did not provide this information when the council and the Police Oversight Commission directly questioned Chief Robert Rodriguez and Commander Jorge Lopez about any information shared between SAPD and ICE. The Trump administration is launching aggressive attacks against the immigrant community and in a city where 46% of residents are immigrants, this information is critical to avoid potential detention and/or deportation! We have seen since this administration took power, many people in our communities have felt a deep fear to the point of avoiding leaving their homes. Santa Ana residents deserve transparency from SAPD in the form of immediate alerts when any information regarding immigration enforcement actions is given to the department!

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- Manuel Sarinana

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From: Mai Do <mai@harborinstituteoc.org>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 8:43 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda Item #27
Attachments: 5.19.25 SACC Letter - ICE_DHS Courtesy Alert Reporting.pdf

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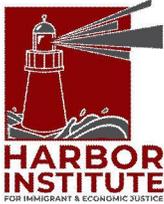
Dear Mayor Amezcua and City Councilmembers,

Please find attached a letter, signed by over 20 organizations, in support of Agenda Item #27 on the agenda for the upcoming May 20, 2025 City Council meeting.

Best,

Mai Nguyen Do

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May 19, 2025

Santa Ana City Council
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Agenda Item #27 - Transparency and Public Notification of ICE/DHS Courtesy Alerts to SAPD

Dear Mayor Valerie Amezcua and Santa Ana City Council Members,

We, the undersigned organizations, write in support of Agenda Item #27. Local residents deserve timely, accurate information about potential federal immigration enforcement activity in their own neighborhoods so they can make informed decisions for themselves and their families.

The Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD) received at least 42 courtesy alerts from ICE/DHS between January 20 and April of this year.¹ While courtesy alerts from other agencies are not new, what is alarming is that SAPD did not disclose this information to the public or the Santa Ana City Council when questioned explicitly about immigration enforcement activity at several recent City Council meetings.² These events highlight a transparency gap regarding ICE/DHS presence in Santa Ana that must be addressed for the City to uphold its commitments to welcoming and supporting all residents.

State and local law both already heavily limit how much the City cooperates with federal immigration enforcement. Moreover, SAPD regularly publishes data on firearm seizures despite having no policy directing it to do so. Creating a similar procedure for ICE/DHS courtesy alerts would be a practical step toward strengthening trust in the City, ensuring transparency on issues of community well-being, and increasing clarity about information in the public record that residents should have improved access to.

Given the role that federal immigration enforcement presence can play in weakening public safety and eroding trust in community institutions, it is imperative that city leaders act in ways that reflect their dedication to honesty and accountability.³ Community members deserve transparent, steadfast leadership from their local governments – especially in times of increased uncertainty and turmoil.

Sincerely,

Harbor Institute for Immigrant & Economic Justice
VietRISE
Council on American-Islamic Relations - LA (CAIR-LA)
National Day Laborer Organizing Network
Francisco Torres Center for Racial Justice
Orange County Justice Fund
South Asian Network
Las Casas
Buen Vecino
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
A New PATH
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Arab American Civic Council
Secure Justice

Latino Health Access
South Bay People Power
Street Level Health Project
VIDAS
Oasis Legal Services
El Centro Cultural de México
CSO Orange County
California Immigrant Policy Center
Orange County Rapid Response Network
Public Counsel
Guerrero FFPS (Filipino People in Struggle)
National Lawyers Guild of LA (NLG-LA)

¹ Ben Camacho, "EXCLUSIVE: Santa Ana Police Department Received Forty-Two Alerts From Immigration Agents And Did Not Tell The Community," *Inadvertent*, May 5, 2025. inadvertent.substack.com/p/sapd-ice-data

² Hosam Elattar, "Have Santa Ana's Police Chief & City Manager Been Up Front With Residents About ICE Activity?" *Voice of OC*, May 6, 2025. voiceofoc.org/2025/05/has-santa-anas-police-chief-city-manager-been-up-front-with-residents-about-ice-activity/

³ For evidence reflecting corrosive effects of immigration enforcement on trust and well-being, see: Francisco Pedraza & Maricruz Osorio, "Courted and Deported: The Salience of Immigration Issues and Avoidance of Police, Health Care, and Education Services among Latinos," *Aztlan* 42, no. 2 (2017); Vanessa Nichols et al. "Spillover Effects: Immigrant Policing and Government Skepticism in Matters of Health for Latinos," *Public Administration Review* 78, no. 3 (2018); Tom Wong et al., "How Interior Immigration Enforcement Affects Trust in Law Enforcement," *Perspectives on Politics* 19, no. 2 (2021). For evidence of null to negative (beneficial) effects of non-cooperation on public safety, see: Daniel Martinez et al, "Providing Sanctuary or Fostering Crime? A Review of the Research on 'Sanctuary Cities' and Crime," *Sociology Compass* 12, no. 1 (2018); Marta Ascherio, "Do Sanctuary Policies Increase Crime? Contrary Evidence from a County-Level Investigation in the United States," *Social Science Research* 106 (August 1, 2022).

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From: Perla Pioquinto [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 10:20 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Public comment for 5/20/25

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To the Santa Ana City Council:

My name is Perla Gonzales and I am writing to demand that Santa Ana Police Department be held responsible! The City Council needs to act! The people of Santa Ana deserve justice when cops in the department kill, harass, or withhold important information from residents!

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