



# COUNTY of VENTURA

## PUBLIC SAFETY RACIAL EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP

### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1911 WILLIAMS DRIVE, OXNARD, CA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

#### MEETING PARTICIPATION:

**Topic:** PSREAG Meeting

**Location:** Ventura County Behavioral Health  
Large Training Room  
1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard, CA

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## **OPENING**

### **2. CALL TO ORDER (5 MIN)**

- a. Welcome
- b. Roll Call & Confirm Quorum
- c. Review Agenda

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND/OR FOR OTHER ITEMS WITHIN PSREAG SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION (15 MIN).**

- a. PSREAG members, please reserve your comments for specific agenda items or for the allotted time for Member and Staff Comments at the end of the agenda.
- b. All public comments regarding public safety and racial equity are welcome and encouraged. However, please note that the PSREAG does not investigate complaints regarding individual incidents involving law enforcement. Formal complaints should be submitted to the involved law enforcement agency.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **4. INTRODUCTION (5 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by Patricia Frausto, Facilitator

### **5. OPENING REMARKS (10 MIN)**

- a. Sheriff Fryhoff, VCSO

### **6. LAW ENFORCEMENT PANEL (35 MIN)**

- a. Moderated by Facilitator

### **7. COMMUNITY Q & A (35 MIN)**

- a. Moderated by Facilitator

### **8. CLOSING REMARKS (5 MIN)**

### **9. MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)**

- a. Opportunity for announcements from members and staff

### **10. ADJOURN**

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I am concerned that our county Sheriff was recorded fist pumping ICE agents during the raid at Glass House Farms. In a time like this, when the most vulnerable members of our community do not trust our agencies, this only adds to the mistrust. How does the Sheriff's office plan to make amends and rectify the situation with the immigrant community? How can we trust that those that swore to serve and protect are actually doing that?

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**Name**

Mariposa Daniela

**I would like to... [raise concerns / inform you of new information / provide supporting evidence] regarding:**

Community safety. I'm very concerned about the ice activity targeting our community. What can you do to keep all of our community members safe from the illegal and horrible kidnappings and raids?

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Thank you for creating this forum and space for open discussion.

My biggest concern is public safety, specifically around how 911 calls are being handled when it involves ICE. Sheriff Fryhoff has been quoted saying, "If you call 911, we will come"—referring to responding to ICE agents like anyone else. Yet at the same time, he has also said that if the Sheriff's Office knows ICE is operating in an area and someone calls 911 to report what appears to be a kidnapping, deputies will not be dispatched so as not to interfere.

That is contradictory. On one hand, the public is told that help will come if we call 911. On the other, we are told that in some situations, calls will not be responded to. That does not build confidence in public safety.

So my question is this: Sheriff Fryhoff, in all your years of law enforcement, when have you ever known a time where 911 calls are not responded to? And why is it acceptable now to change that policy—to pick and choose which calls you want to protect and serve?

If this truly is how the Sheriff's Office intends to operate, then be transparent about it so the public knows what to expect. Don't say "we will come" if the reality is "we will come sometimes." And don't blame activists for the erosion of public trust when those contradictions come directly from leadership.

At the end of the day, 911 exists for the safety of all residents. Consistency, honesty, and transparency are essential if we are to trust this system with our lives.

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**I would like to... [raise concerns / inform you of new information / provide supporting evidence] regarding:**

People of color are feeling unsafe due to the appearance of collusion between local law enforcement (VCSO mostly) and federal agents. Our community needs to hear strong statements of support of our rights and that our leaders and local law enforcement will protect our county citizens. Our community needs to see that there is no coordination or collusion between all local law enforcement and federal agents.

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**I would like to... [raise concerns / inform you of new information / provide supporting evidence] regarding:**

I would like to raise concern about recent remarks make by Sheriff Fryhoff at several recent board meetings.

Sheriff Fryhoff has blamed community activists for the public's mistrust of his department regarding recent immigration enforcement. Yet, he has also openly admitted that the Sheriff's Office will not intervene when immigration agents unlawfully harass or assault members of our community.

Right now, ICE agents are actively kidnapping residents—without identifying themselves and while wearing clothing marked “police.” This creates confusion and fear. When will Sheriff Fryhoff acknowledge that it is these unlawful DHS operations, and the Sheriff's Office's unwillingness to act, that are driving mistrust—not the activists who are simply trying to protect their neighbors?

Does the Sheriff know that rapid responders are often the first to arrive on scene after these DHS kidnappings? Their role is to determine whether the incident involves local law enforcement or immigration agents so the public can feel safe. In fact, I would go as far as to suggest that Sheriff Fryhoff thank these activists for helping reassure the community during operations that blur the line between public safety and unlawful harassment.

Our residents deserve accountability, not scapegoating.

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**Name**

Julie Callahan

**I would like to... [raise concerns / inform you of new information / provide supporting evidence] regarding:**

This comment is directed toward Jim Fryhoff:

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Ventura County to express my dismay over the lack of public statements or actions from your office regarding the aggressive immigration policies of the Trump Administration and their profound impact on local families.

These policies have created a climate of fear and uncertainty within our community, leading to family separations and significant emotional distress. As the chief law enforcement officer of our county, your voice and leadership are vital in times of such division and hardship. A statement of concern from your office would not only acknowledge the pain and anxiety felt by many residents but would also send a powerful message of reassurance and solidarity.

You have spent tax dollars going to city council meetings denying any collaboration beyond what is permitted within the scope of SB54. Yet when canisters were being shot at me, the woman you want to label an activist or worst an extremist, I didn't see you there protecting me. I was not afforded the very respect you offered immigration enforcement, and I was not impeding their kidnappings that day. You might have met me; the woman with the medical degree who showed up to ensure someone present to care for any citizens who required medical assistance that day.

Many of us look to our Sheriff to protect and serve all members of our community, regardless of their immigration status. Let's be honest, you've failed at such. Your office's silence on this critical issue has been interpreted by some as a lack of concern for a significant portion of our county's population. I believe it is crucial for our community's trust and well-being that you publicly address the impact these policies have had on our neighbors, friends, and fellow residents. Further, call upon the Ventura County board of supervisors to establish a citizen's oversight board. Afterall, nothing to hide, right?



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**I would like to... [raise concerns / inform you of new information / provide supporting evidence] regarding:**

Questions and concerns on Policies & Protocols.

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The Sheriff Department, acting as Camarillo PD, sent 4 cruisers to issue me a ticket for parking outside the ICE detention center with my license plates obstructed. Yet you permit ICE to drive our roads with missing, or obstructed, or swapped plates for both official and personal vehicles. Why are you not enforcing the law for all without fear or favor?

## Summary of Questions Submitted by PSREAG Members - 08.28.25 PSREAG Special Meeting

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### Agenda Item 5: Opening Remarks

(Main points from raw questions related to data requests, factual clarifications, and process explanations)

#### *Theme: ICE Detention & Arrest Data*

- Statistics on unlawful ICE arrests in Ventura County, info on any verification processes for ICE officers or plans to prevent unlawful arrests.
- Number of ICE detainment information requests this year (Jan 2025 - present) and how many were fulfilled.
- Monthly totals over the past year of individuals transferred to ICE, broken down by charge/conviction type.
- Number of judge-signed court orders authorizing ICE detentions or deportations.

#### *Theme: Policies & Protocols*

- Protocols for law enforcement deployment when requested by immigration enforcement, and criteria for accepting or declining the request.
- Procedures for verifying credentials of ICE or other federal agents, including body-worn camera documentation.
- Policies for handling 911 calls reporting suspected kidnappings by masked assailants.
- Policies or measures to enforce safety and traffic laws applicable to ICE agents.
- Any existing MOUs or agreements with ICE regarding workplace enforcement.
- Racial profiling prevention policies relevant to the special meeting topic.

#### *Theme: Incident-specific Reports*

- Detailed account of VCSO's role in the July 10 Glass House Farms raid (planning, personnel, and support provided).
  - Summary of after-action reports, incident reports, and body-worn camera footage from the raid.
  - Communication timeline with the Mexican Consulate and family of Jaime Alanís García.
  - Status of any criminal investigation into García's death.
  - Review of evidence regarding alleged firearm discharge and alleged placement of nails on the road.
  - Procedures for handling abandoned vehicles following ICE arrests.
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## Agenda Item 6: Law Enforcement Panel Questions

(Developed from raw questions related to policy positions, commitments, situational judgment, and accountability)

### *Theme: Commitments & Stances on ICE Cooperation*

- In some jurisdictions experiencing increased immigration enforcement activity, reports suggest local law enforcement agencies have been asked to assist ICE with resources such as vehicle storage. Has ICE made any such requests here? If so, could you share whether they were accepted or declined, and what considerations informed that decision?
- Other jurisdictions have implemented policies requiring local officers to verify the credentials of ICE personnel when responding to calls involving immigration enforcement. Is this type of policy under consideration locally? Why or why not?

### *Theme: Community Protection & Civil Rights*

- When responding to public protests or demonstrations related to ICE activity—such as the spontaneous gathering on July 10 following events at Glass House Farms—how does local law enforcement define its primary role and objectives?
  - What factors guide your approach in these situations?
  - Considering the role of law enforcement in maintaining peace and public safety, what opportunities exist to collaborate with CBOs on shared goals such as public safety during protests (ex. de-escalation strategies)?
- What responsibilities, if any, does local law enforcement have in safeguarding children, families, and other vulnerable individuals in schools, churches, hospitals, and public spaces during immigration enforcement operations?
- What role, if any, does local law enforcement have in ensuring immigration enforcement is conducted lawfully in the County (in ways that do not violate court-issued temporary restraining orders or people's civil and constitutional rights?)
- What potential actions, if any, could the DA and Public Defender's Office take to help ensure that individuals engaged in lawful immigration processes are not detained by ICE in courthouses?

### *Theme: Accountability for Enforcement Actions*

- How does local law enforcement approach situations where community members are documenting immigration enforcement activity?
  - Under what circumstances might officers intervene?
  - What guidance can be offered to community members to document safely and within the law?
- Does VCSO share information about undocumented prisoners with ICE? If so, is this a legal requirement or a discretionary choice? If discretionary, what factors influence the decision?

- Have you observed changes in community members' willingness to engage with law enforcement this year? If so, what strategies are in place to maintain or rebuild trust?
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## Raw Questions by Submission Entry (Chronological Order)

**Submission 1:** - How can individuals and CBOs partner with law enforcement to train their groups and themselves on how to peacefully and safely protest against acts by the federal government, thereby not putting themselves or local law enforcement at risk? - What de-escalation techniques can be employed in a peaceful protest when federal law enforcement is present?

**Submission 2:** - Is there any clear information from local and state authorities on what our rights are when confronted with masked agents (without ID or clear uniform or badge) who are taking our co-workers, neighbors, family, and friends? - What is the data of illegal ICE arrests within our county? - Is there or will there be a verification process to ensure that legal arrests only are occurring? - If not, what is being done to stop illegal arrests? - Has or would Ventura County law enforcement agencies also issue guidance akin to LAPD's directive on verifying federal agents' identities? - What does Governor Newsom's stance on ICE sweeps mean locally? - Is there a plan to ensure only legal arrests occur given expected increases in ICE raids?

**Submission 3:** - Will you commit to not allowing ICE and other agencies or contractors to store vehicles on VCSO property? - How many reports of kidnappings by masked individuals have been received? - How many were verified as ICE, Border Patrol, or contractors versus false impersonators? - What happens once someone is taken? - How do we protect their civil rights? - Can resources be published for families? - What is the law regarding racial profiling and how is it enforced locally? - Have any local personnel been deputized for Homeland Security? - Will you commit to prohibiting ICE from detaining those attending court for immigration matters? - What can the DA and Public Defender's Office do to protect such individuals?

**Submission 4:** - Why are law enforcement protecting ICE from community members who are trying to document their actions? - What will VCSD do to stop ICE from being present at the county government center? - Why will the VCSD not stop sharing information about undocumented prisoners with ICE?

**Submission 5:** - May you please come prepared to share data for Jan-July 2025: number of ICE detainment information requests received? - Of those requests, how many were complied with?

**Submission 6:** - If the VCSO is requested to deploy by immigration enforcement, does it have the right to refuse? - If so, how is that decision made? - When present at immigration enforcement actions, what is VCSO's responsibility to ensure constitutional rights? - What are protocols for enforcing laws when violations are by ICE agents? - Has VCSO arrested

ICE agents for excessive force, property damage, or reckless driving? - How are abandoned vehicles handled after ICE arrests? - What are policies for 911 calls about kidnappings by masked assailants? - Will VCSO adopt a policy like LAPD's on verifying federal agents' identities? - Has the alleged gun incident during the Glass House raid been verified? - Were alleged nails on roads during the raid confirmed or removed?

**Submission 7:** - Regarding the July 10 Glass House Farms raid and the death of Jaime Alanís García: Provide the number of individuals transferred to ICE in the past year (by month and charge/conviction type). - What was the Sheriff's role in the raid? - Can you provide copies of agreements with ICE? - What are worker safety policies in these operations? - Can you share after-action and incident reports? - What was the communication timeline with the Mexican Consulate and family of Jaime Alanís García? - What is the status of any criminal investigation into García's death? - Can you clarify jurisdiction and whether charges could be filed? - Can you review conduct for potential legal violations? - What is the timeline for public release of findings? - What policy changes will be made to prevent future tragedies? - Will after-action reports and investigation results be released to the public?

08.28.25 PSREAG Special Meeting  
Agenda Item #7

# Community Q & A

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